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BEFORE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

PROGRESS OF A. M. E. ZION CHURCHES

Urges Family Worship—Things Pertaining to Race Should Be Considered—More Attention to Education Needed.

On Wednesday morning, November 17th, the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church convened in Saint Stephen Church, Gastoria, N. C., Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, D. D., presiding. After the devotional service, conducted by the bishop and the five presiding elders, the conference proceeded to organize by the election of four secretaries and a reporter to the Star of Zion and other papers. Promptly at eleven o'clock Presiding Elder H. B. Bennett delivered an instructive and appropriate sermon preparatory to the administration of the communion. Quite one hundred and twenty ministers, delegates and visitors, besides a large congregation, witnessed these impressive service. Then followed the assignment of the ministers and delegates to their homes. The conference took an hour's recess and reassembled to hear the bishop's Episcopal address, the main part of which is given below. After thanking the pastor, officers and members of St. Stephens Church for taking the conference when the church to which it was originally appointed failed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the conference, the bishop spoke as follows:

Beloved Brethren and Co-workers:

Through the providence of our gracious heavenly Father we are privileged to meet again in annual conference session. We should feel ourselves under a debt of sincere gratitude that we meet under such favorable circumstances. Nearly all of our pastors have enjoyed good health during the year, and most of lay workers have success in their farms and business enterprises. The work of the Lord has prospered in our hands and He abundantly blessed us.

Death's Ravages.

During the year death has claimed two of our active pastors, the wife of one of our presiding elders, one our foremost, best equipped and most zealous missionary workers, besides a number of well known lay workers within our conference borders.

Revs. W. L. Alexander, of the Steele Creek circuit, and A. J. Arthur, of the Belmont circuit, were two of our most pious and exemplary pastors. Both of them rendered valuable and long service as pastors, and seldom failed to report a successful revival each year and make a good financial record as to general and local claims.

The death of Mrs. H. B. Bennett was a great loss, not only to her devoted husband and children, but the church, the community and the W. H. and F. M. Society sustained a l oss which brought sorrow to all who knew this estimable woman.

The sudden passing of Miss Annie B. Warner, the accomplished daughter of Bishop A. J. Warner, and one of the vice-presidents of our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, caused a great shock throughout the church.

It was when death entered the Episcopal ranks and took from the church and race that godly man, sound gospel preacher and zealous churchman, Bishop Martin R. Franklin, after one single year's work in the office of a bishop, that our entire Zion felt called upon to put on sackcloth and mourn with sore grief. No bishop ever entered upon his task with higher hopes and nobler purposes, nor did any have promise of greater results following his labors than was true of Bishop Franklin. But it pleased God to take him unto himself.

The Progress of this Conference.

It gives me pleasure to mention the fact that the work of this conference has enjoyed a year of substantial progress. New churches have been built in the Charlotte, Salisbury and Lincolnton districts. New organizations have been formed, many debts of long standing have been cancelled, other debts have been reduced, new property for building churches has been acquired and goodly sums of money has been raised for building or repairing churches. The spiritual success has kept pace with the financial and building success of the conference. Reports received from pastors and presiding elders show that more than one thousand persons have been converted and over two thousand have been added to our membership. In as many as four of the churches of the conference the membership has been doubled through revival efforts. There is no work of the church which should cause greater joy than the work of saving souls. If the angels of God rejoice over one sinner that repenteth, how great should be our joy when we learn that more than a thousand have been saved and housed in the church of our Lord and Master. It is my earnest hope that each and all of the pastors shall hereafter strive to have a successful revival on his charge every year. Next to persuading men, women and children to be reconciled to God, and of equal importance, is the work of so instructing and nurturing them by diligent care and wise counsel, both in the preaching of the gospel and in safe-guarding them against the snares of the evil one. It is a good thing to get people into the church, but it counts for more to keep them in the church and so train them that they shall render good service in strengthening the Christian cause by their goodly conduct, and by inducing others to become followers of Him who is the Chief Shepherd and bishop of our soules.

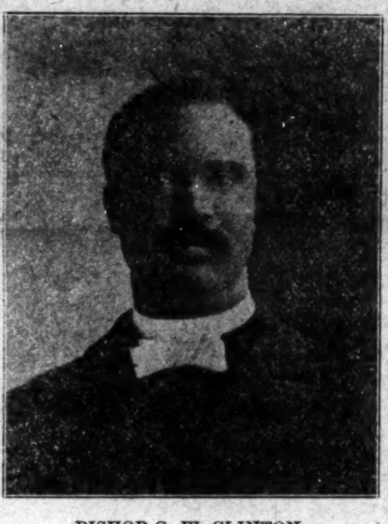
Permit me just here to speak of some ways by which this can be accomplished.

First, there should be a faithful keeping up of family worship, especially where the parents or heads of the home are Christians. In proportion, as family worship has declined in our Methodist Churches, in that same measure has piety waned and the strength and influence of Methodism declined.

decrease of applicants for the ministry in the families of our churches can be traced very largely to the decline of family worship and true piety in the home. Back to the family altar should ring out in clear and significant notes from every Zion pulpit, yea every Christian pulpit. This return to old and honorable landmarks should begin in the minister's home and go on until every home where there is a saved adult or well-grown lad, the voice of praise and prayer shall be heard at least once a day around the family altar.

Next to family worship is a faithful maintainence of the prayer meeting during the week, the young peoples' service, the Sunday-school under the management of a true Christian as superintendent aided by faithful Christian teachers.

There should also be some active missionary work aside from mere money raising for the missionary cause. If church members, led by a godly pastor, shall engage in the work of going among the unsaved of their community and make it a point to look after the spiritual, moral and temporal needs of the people regardless of their condition they will



BISHOP G. W. CLINTON.

find themselves growing stronger in the "strength which God supplies through His Eternal Son," and they will see the cause of Christianity flourishing as never before.

One other thing I wish to urge is the study of the Bible in the home and by all Christians. It is my belief that we need to impress upon the people, especially church members, as never before the necessity of reading the Bible and making it the guide of their conduct.

It is not more legislation, nor a new administration in the State and nation that we need to settle our problems, but a more consistent practice of those divine precepts which outline and define our relation and duty to God and our fellow man.

The ten commandments, the golden rule and the royal law made the guide of men in their dealings with their fellows would soon make the meeting of Congress and State legislatures a gether unnecessary. Some may think this is a condition which is not soon to be realized. Be that it as may, it is nevertheless true that it is a condition condition that we who are Christians should strive to bring to pass, and one that we must bring to pass if we expect to see the cause of Christ come into the fullness of power.

Other Matters of Great Importance.

In what I have said thus far I have striven to direct your minds mainly to matters of a spiritual character. I do not wish it to be understood that I have less interest in other matters which affect the well-being of the race. What hinders or helps the race should and must be a subject of consideration on occasions and in meetings of this kind.

The fact that the Negro's citizenship, citizen privileges, manhood rights and opportunities for even an honest livihood are being made debatable questions at home and in foreign lands should cause every man with a spark of true patriotism and an ounce of intelligence to become aroused to serious thinking and prudent action.

It is not enough to rejoice that we are growing in intelligence, as great a blessing as this growth is. It is not sufficient that we are making steady gains in the acquisition of property as desirable as this is. We must strive to be men and press our claims for a man's privileges and a man's opportunities. To do this we must endeavor to qualify ourselves to meet the new requirements governing our franchise; we must study the questions which come before a qualified electorate; we must seek to consumethe best welfare of our local, State and national interests by voting for men and measures which will accomplish such results. I believe when we shall be found to act upon these lines our suffrage rights will no longer be a bone of yearly contention in State and nation.

More Attention to Education Needed.

We need to lay more stress upon the subject of education in our local public schools and church institutions. It is the duty of the preacher as a race leader and instructor of the people to aid and encourage them in securing proper teachers, in lengthening the school term in returning a well qualified teacher when such a one is once secured.

It is the duty of the people to be liberal in their contributions toward supporting their church schools, because from these the Christian teachers and preachers of the race must largely come.

A Stronger and More Progressive Ministry Needed.

When I urge that we need and must

THE DAY OF GIVING THANKS.

Some thank the Lord but once a year,
Some thank Him not at all;
While some give thanks for everything,
From honey down to gall.

have a stronger and more progressive ministry I do not overlook the fact that we have a stronger and better class of men filling the pulpits of Negro churches of all denominations today than ever before. While this is true it is also true that the profession of the ministry has a larger percentage of poorly equipped men than any other profession among us. If we concede this to be true, as we know it is, and then remember that the ministers have a larger and a more substantial following than anyother, I think I do not exagerate when I say all other professions, we must open our eyes to the pressing need of a godly, intelligent, trained and consecrated ministry which shall teach the people by example in every walk of life as well as by precept in the pulpit.

We need a ministry that shall become acuainted with business methods in the conduct of their personal affairs and in the operation of their church work.

We need a ministry that shall become sufficiently interested in everything that concerns the welfare of the people to study all questions that make for their welfare, and be able to guide them aright and give them proper counsel when their advice is sought.

The National Census.

Before we assemble in another annual conference the census of our population shall be taken. It is of vital importance to us as a part of this great and growing nation that we see to it that a correct census of our people is taken. Let us close our eyes to the fact that we have been most shamefully treated n the matter of having a place among those who conduct the census taking and prove ourselves more deserving of such a place by showing our strength not only in numbers, but our progress along every line of intelligent citizenship. I am sure that we, as a church, have learned a lesson which should inspire us to double activity on account of the poor showing we made as a denomination. I am convinced that not more than half of our membership has been reported, but I am equally convinced that the fault lies at our own door. Let us profit by the humiliating lesson we have just learned.

Before I conclude this address permit me to call your attention to two other matters, which I regard as being of more than ordinary interest to our church and race. The first of these is the celebration of the semi-centennial of the freedom of the American Negro. Leading men of the race have been discussing the advisability of observing this occasion in a fitting manner, and steps have been taken to perfect an organization and devise plans. Dr. Booker T. Washington, the great educator and distinguished head of the Business League, in obedience to a resolution emenating from the league, has called upon other prominent men to associate with him in devising and perfecting plans to make such a celebration a success. Let us hope this able and judicious leader and those who may co-operate with him shall so plan that every helpful factor and forec of the race may be brought in hearty co-operation to make the celebration a fitting one. Let us hope that we shall have the co-operation of our white friends, and let us stand ready as a church to give our best support to the endeavor.

Foreign Matters.

Because of our relation as a race to the people of Africa; because of our missionary interests in that continent; because of the arrest and trial of two missionaries representing an American missionary board; and because of the part the United States government took in the establishment and early history of the Republic of Liberia, it seems fitting that I should refer briefly to some affairs which might be regarded as foreign. The matters I have in mind relate to the action of the British government in dealing with South Africa. It was not surprising that the Boers and the few English adventurers who had settled in South Africa among them should endeavor to eliminate the natives as a political factor, but I think almost everybody expected better things of the Parliament of Great Britain than to give its sanction to this one-sided and unfair act. Without desiring to be meddlesome or to indulge in criticism of a great and powerful government I can say nothing about turning from the lawlessness, the injustice and manifold wrongs of our land in the treatment of its Negro population, I cannot feel other than that the British government has taken a backward step and one which will not do her credit. I am glad to observe that the atrocities in the Congo Free (?) State have been discontinued, and that arrangements have been made by a company of American capitalists and Christian philanthropists to secure control of this territory. This, in my opinion, will mean a better system of government, and wil insure the protection of the natives from such inhuman treatment as they suffered under the Belgian regime, and also provide for them the advantages of a higher and ebtter civilization with its manifold benefits.

I think most of us remember the visit of prominent officials and representative men of the Liberian Republic to this country last year for the purpose of enlisting the interest and sympathy of the United States government to the extent of securing for hem immunity from encroachments of foreign powers, and such financial aid as would enable them to carry out the purposes of the founders of the republic. It gives me pleasure to remark that this government responded by appropriating $20,000 and sending a commission of distinguished men to visit Liberia and thoroughly investigate its affairs, so that the American government might act intelligently. I hope and believe good results will grow out of this effort. Let us, as a church, see to it that we do our part in helping the cause of missions in Africa.

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

Copies of this paper can be found each week at Mrs. G. W. Hume's handsome Cafe Carson, Mann & Williams' handsome tonsorial parlors....Mr. Ed Jones went dead broke at the State Fair last week, seeing the sights....Mr. W. G. Bush is doing fine business with his Garden City Tailoring Company, of Chicago, Ill....Mr. Giles B. Jackson is president of our business league.

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UNITED STATES AND LIBERIA

REVIEW OF RELATIONS OF TWO REPUBLICS

TO REDEEM AFRICA'S GARDEN SPOT

Church, State and Commerce Stand Together—Dr. Booker T. Washington Speaks Hopefully of the Future.

THOMPSON'S NATIONAL NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Last night at the new Masonic Auditorium, 1111 Nineteenth street northwest, two hundred representative men of the United States met at a festal board and entwined the spirit of fraternity, mutual helpfulness and national good felloship between this country and its struggling offspring across the sea, giving substantial significance to the elaborate decorations of the banquet hall, in which were entwined in artistic fashion the cheer-inspiring colors of the United States and Liberia. The occasion was a complimentary dinner in honor of the Hon. Ernest Lyon, United States Minister to Liberia, and Bishop I. B. Scott, representing the Methodist Episcopal Church in the African republic. Not only was it the object of the distinguished gathering to pay a deserved tribute to the two forces that have contributed so generously and effectively to the uplift of the Negro race at home and abroad, but it deemed fitting and proper that there should come from the spokesmen of the Negroes of this country at this time some formal expression of our sympathy with the aspirations of our foster-child—the Republic of Liberia—toward a stronger social, commercial, industrial and national development. That a keener sense of the responsibilities of this country with reference to the protection and encouragement of the Liberian Republic is being felt throughout the land was evidenced by the lofty notes struck in a major key by Minister Lyon, Bishop Scott, Dr. Booker T. Washington and the speakers who followed the impassioned appeal of these eminent statesmen that an opportunity for a larger life be offered to the builders of a new shrine of freedom in "The Fatherland."

The Negro on two Continents.

Mr. Ralph W. Tyler, of Ohio, auditor for the navy department, acted as toast master and introduced the speakers in language that combined dignity with humor and kept the company on tiptoe of expectation as to the next treat that was to be presented. As each gentleman arose the orchestra played a bar of an air typical of the locality from which he hailed. Following the discussion of an excellent menu prepared by Caterer W. W. Martin, the program of the evening was opened with an appropriate statement of the purpose of the gathering by Toastmaster Tyler.

Toasts were responded to as follows: "The Negro on Two Continents," Dr. Booker T. Washington; "Our Guests," Judge Robert H. Terrell; "Influence of the Church in Africa," Bishop I. B. Scott; and "The United States and Liberia," Hon. Ernest Lyon.

The tone of the addresses was optimistic throughout. Many valuable suggestions were made touching the method by which this government could extend aid to the Liberian people, and it was the belief of all that, with adequate protection and the encouragement of capital, the budding republic of Africa's western coast could be made the garden spot of the world. With Minister Lyon describing the needs of the Liberians, and what the United States could do toward supplying sturdy immigration and thrifty investors; with Bishop Scott testifying to the revivifying influence the church is exerting upon the masses; and with Dr. Washington showing how the progressive and fortune-blest Negroes of America may assist their less-favored brethren in coming into his own, the case of the Negro Republic was given a hearing that betokened great possibilities for the future.

At the conclusion of the principal speeches inspiring three-minute talks were made by W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; Former Governor P. B. S. Pinchback, of New York; Collector Charles W. Anderson, of New York; John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds; Harry S. Cummings, of Maryland; Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University; James A. Cobb, Assistant District Attorney; Emmett J. Scott, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Attorneys Thomas L. Jones and Armond W. Scott of the district bar; Dr. A. M. Curtis and Rev. M. W. Clair, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church. All of the addresses evoked enthusiastic applause, and the Chautauqua salute greeted the salient points.

Besides the Liberian flag, the decoration scheme included the flag of the city of Monrovia, Liberia's stately capital, used for the first time in America. Minister Lyon and Dr. Washngton wore the insignia of the Order of African Redemption. They are the only Negroes in this country upon whom this decoration has been conferred by the Liberian government.

The subscribers who gave evidence of their appreciation of the importance of the occasion and voiced ther support of the ideals sought to be reached included representatives of every field of endeavor among our pople—men of business, of the professions, federal office-holders and leaders in the work of recial uplift all over the land. Among them were:

Dr. Booker T. Washington, Emmett J. Scott and Major J. B. Ramsey, Tuskegee, Ala.; P. B. S. Pinchback, Fred R. Moore and C. W. Anderson, New York; Harry S. Cummings, W. Ashbie Hawkins, Rev. D. G. Hill, Rev. G. C. Cummings, John H. Toadvin, W. M. Alexander, DeWitt Turpean, of Maryland; Prof. Kelly Miller and Prof. George William Cook of How-

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE ORATOR.

He talks in the morning and talks in the night,
He talks when he's wrong and he talks when he's right;
He talks in the office and talks in the hall,
He talks in the church and he talks at the ball.
He talks to the Senate and talks to the House,
He talks to the people as poor common souse.
He talks to the press and he talks to the crowd,
He talks and he talks with a voice long and loud.
Like an old clapper mill he'll sound to the end,
And die while he's talking without any friend!

JOHN A. JOYCE.

Washington, D. C.

We call the opinions of the other fellow "prejudices."

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It develops that Mr. William R. Hearst is not a "dead 'un."

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Is there presidential timber in Mayor Gaynor, of New York?

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Jim Jeffries will have to do it now, or make an international flunk.

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It is strange how many people think well of the fellow we do not like.

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"Harmon and Harmony" sounds real well to those who like mere sound.

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Bishop Abram Grant is not only a great churchman—he is a great statesman.

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Off-year elections play sad havoc with political line-ups and party pretensions.

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The job of Dr. Ernest Lyon as Minister to Liberia bears all the earmarks of a "cinch."

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Ralph W. Tyler and William Tecumseh Vernon are splendid types of unselfish leadership.

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It is a proof of the noblest man to have to acknowledge errors of judgment. No mortal is infallible.

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Big official station does not swell the head of men accustomed to the rarefied atmosphere of the heights.

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Favors would be far more palatable if those who extend them would some time cease to din them in our ears.

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More and more noticeable everywhere is the striking resemblance of President Taft to the late President Cleveland.

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Jim Vardaman, sometime Governor of Mississippi, is safely anchored to a membership in the "Down and Out Club."

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The "grip-sack leader" is decidedly "in bad." A permanent postoffice address is insisted upon as a certificate of character.

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Georgia Negroes are enlisting in the United States army. The patriotic ardor of the Afro-American is not easily dampened.

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In rejecting the Straus amendment by a decisive majority, Maryland refuses to become the tail end of the disfranchising South.

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Our barristers of the first grade should not overlook the fact that there is a vacancy upon the bench of the Supreme Court of the land.

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There would be less factional strife among us if we had less spare time in which to gabble about the alleged shortcomings of our leaders.

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If you want to freeze out the peace disturbers of a community, don't concede them power by purchasing their silence. They won't stay bought.

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"Robbing Peter to pay Paul" might not be so reprehensible if so many of us did not neglect to pay Paul after performing the larceny act on Peter.

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There is no tangible reason why J. E. Bush, of Arkansas, as registrar of the United States land office. One or two good terms deserve another.

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There are no indications that "pemmican" is likely to crowd 'possum, sweet potatoes, fried chicken or chittlings off the Negro's favorite bill of fare.

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Rivalry over petty office has stifled the life out of more of our promising organizations than has the prejudices of our meanest contemporaries of the other race.

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Equality of opportunity—socially, industrially and politically—is the true American idea. Such equality benefits everybody and harms nobody. Let us have it.

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Opposition to bumptious would-be leaders is simply to give them a lot of much needed advertisement. The best way to punish them is to let them absolutely alone.

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Sky pilots who think they hear a call to be army chaplains are visibly concerned over the health of Major W. T. Anderson, the hibernating chaplain of the 10th Cavalry.

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All four of the Negro regiments are stationed at desirable posts in this country, and none of the direful things predicted by the strabismic Associated Press has happened.

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Local business leagues should be to our people the same earnest, constant and constructive stimulants to Negro business enterprise that boards of trade are to the whites.

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Texas has failed to impress Champion Jack Johnson that it is a healthy place for the establishment of a home for Negroes engaged in the business of putting white men to sleep.

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According to President Taft, the function of a father is to furnish his sons with big opportunities, through education and training, rather than big money to "blow in." Right!

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A young man who is known to work steadily and to have a home and a bank account will have no difficulty in persuading some good girl to enter into a life partnership with him.

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Brother Nelson Crews, Missouri's famous boy orator, is looking hopefully toward the nation's capital. He will not need to be called twice before getting his baggage ready for the march.

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The election of George McAneny as president of the Borough of Manhattan, New York, is one of the very gratifying results of the contest of November 2. Mr. McAneny is a friend of the Negro.

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Vagrancy laws would be entitled to stronger support at the hands of right-thinking people if they were not aimed solely at the black vagrant. There should be no color line in undesirable citizenship.

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Liberia is shortly due another season of the limelight. This little republic offers an unlimted field for the activity of the missionary, the capitalist, the philanthropist, the industrialist and the unselfish statesman.

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Unbiased judgment is forced into a back seat when a man of prominence visits a town and associates exclusively with one faction. Better mix it up a little and get the benefit of an illuminating perspective.

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Football, under present conditions, is infinitely more dangerous than the much despised prize fight. In the "squared circle" you have only one man to beat. In fashionable football it is eleven against one—terrific odds.

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Prohibition is a fine thing—for those who think the "blind tiger," the "speak-easy" and mail order whisky more potent agencies for good than a limited number of licensed saloons, paying revenue into the public school fund and under strict police regulation.

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"The black peril" is nothing but a subterfuge for designing disfranchisers about election time. Wise men are discovering that it is a myth, and are refusing to be deceived any longer by such a thinly framed-up mirage.

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That Georgia preacher who insists that a law should be passed requiring every girl to learn how to cook and keep house has the levelest kind of a head. He has found the best remedy for the divorce evil, and delivered a telling argument for the industrial idea.

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It is evident that the 1913 "progress exposition" will be held in the South, where the bulk of the race lives and his its being. Will the choice fall on Richmond, Norfolk, Atlanta, Montgomery, Nashville, Louisville or New Orleans?

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An edict has gone forth at San Angelo, Cal., that only Negroes who own property will be allowed to remain in that town. The tendency of the times is to "sting" the fellow who will not settle down somewhere and acquire a home.

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The Semi-Centennial of Negro Progress for 1913 is a certainty. The National Negro Business League will put up the show that will open the eyes of the world. The commission in charge will combine the best energies of every element of the Negro body politic.

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It is noticeable that no Negro is disputing Henson's claim to have reached the North Pole, and not one member of the race evinces any burning desire to go to the top o' the world to verify any of Henson's statements. All seem perfectly willing to take his word for it.

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Mrs. Annie Besant, the high priestess of the Theosophists, hands out the prediction that in 2,000 years from now everybody will be rich. If the dear lady really wishes to interest folks in this enticing prophecy she will have to perform a miraculous feat of "downward revision" in her dates.

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The high death rate among our people in many sections of the country is an argument for increased activity in the anti-tuberculosis movement, and for the training of those 4,000 additional Negro doctors for which Dr. Booker T. Washington plead so eloquently at the opening of the Howard Medical School.

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The Washington Star's unique "Uncle Eben" sagely observes that "De man wif de hard-luck-story habit is liable to 'magine dat he's gittin' sympathy when he's merely makin' folks sigh because dey's tired of listenin'." Moral: Aviod the "hard-luck-story" habit, if you would get the "glad hand" anywhere.

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Bishop Spalding says the women of Utah are stronger advocates of polygamy than the men. He thinks an easy route to matrimony, with a husband or a fraction thereof guaranteed to every woman, is an appeal that cannot be turned aside by those whose religion, as well as self-interest, sustains the policy of polygamy.

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Judge Mullowney, of the District of Columbia is liberal enough on the question of the prerogatives of a wife to concede her right to rifle the pockets of her husband, but draws the line at allowing her to hit him over the head with a broomstick. It is encouraging to note that a man has a few rights left that a woman is bound to respect.

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There is good in a man who loves his mother. Champion Jack Johnson has been sending his mother $200 per month ever since he has been in receipt of big money, and the report is now confirmed that he is to build her a $10,000 home in Chicago. Mrs. Johnson is confident that Jack will knock Jeffries out. She says, "Jack has always been a good boy to me."

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President Taft is eminently correct in his contention that women should not find it necessary to marry for her bread and butter or for a home. She should have broader opportunities for vocational effort, and be allowed to marry when she sees fit and pick out the man who is the real choice of her heart. Commercially-conducted matrimony is a dangerous hazard to both parties to the deal.

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The South is full of beautiful and culturen women, and to pick out specific localities for praise is exceedingly embarrassing, but those of us who have visited Birmingham will subscribe to all the enthusiastic compliments paid to the fair ones of that enterprising Alabama metropolis by President Taft. Birmingham simply has more "beauties" than some other cities, because its population is larger.

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According to a recent governmental decision, Turks, Arabs, Syrians and other dark-skinned peoples, are "white"—within the meaning of the statute, and entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities inhering in the proud Aryan race. Americans fifteen-sixteenths Anglo-Saxon and one-sixteenth Negro, must cast their lot with the "submerged tenth" and suffer the proscriptions that custom insists shall follow the black race.

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The records do not show that Senator Stone has had an encounter with a colored gentleman for several days; consequently his name has not appeared in any of the papers. It begins to dawn upon the people of the "show me" state that their Senator is a national nuisance. They will unload him at the earliest opportunity and select a man who will have influence in the councils of the nation and who is a gentleman and a scholar.

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Col. Henry A. Rucker, who is exceptionally handy with both tongue and pen, has been doing things to the Georgia bourbons who object to Negroes bearing fraternity names in common with the whites. He riddles their silly arguments by hinting that the whites may just as logically complain that the Negro Methodists and Baptists, Smiths and Howells, Sallies and Arabellas, are infringing upon the Caucasian copywright they pretend to own.

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It is never too late to learn. Aunt Millie Barrow, a colored woman, aged sixty-two years, and employed at the wash tub and in the kitchen every day until 6 p. m., has learned to read and write in the night schools of New York. Aunt Milly had long cherished an ambition to read the Bible before she died, and she is delighted that her purpose has now been accomplished. Her case is but one of a large number of aged Negroes who are thirsting after knowledge and who never stop until their goal is reached.

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President Taft says there may be corners of the land where there is discontent, but he has not found them. The genial Chief Executive might have found something sufficiently akin to mental anxiety had he run into sundry aspirants for registrar and assistant registrar of the treasury, auditor for the navy, recorded of deeds, minister to Haiti and Liberia, assistant district attorney, or "any old thing," at Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville, Chicago, Kansas City, Cleveland, Muskogee, Little Rock and other seaports.

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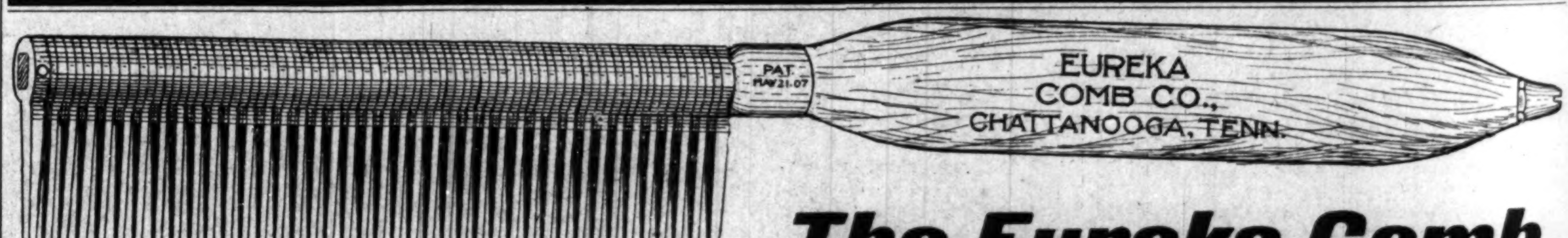

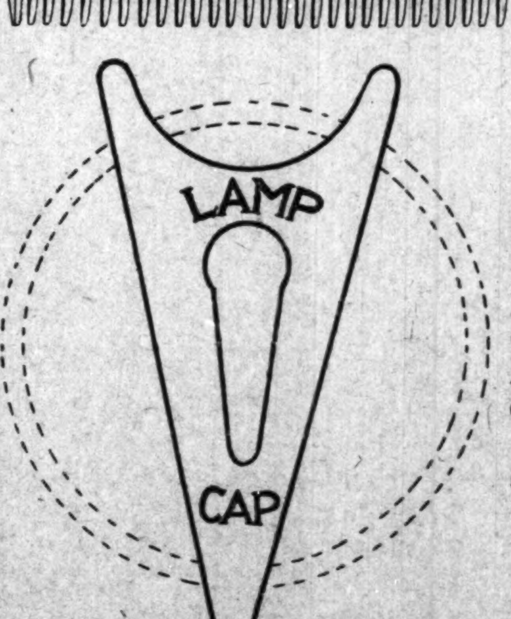

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"Listen to reason, my boy; you are young, and you have to learn that in politics there's always a bitter pill with the sweet. To elect you I have given my word to Murphy that he shall have the office."

"You may send Mr. Murphy to me," said Newcomb curtly. "I'll take all the blame."

"This is final?"

"It is. And I am surprised that you should request this of me."

"He will defeat you."

"So be it."

McDermott was exceedingly angry, but he could not help admiring the young man's resoluteness and direct honesty.

"You are making a fatal mistake. I shall make an enemy of the man, and I shall not be able to help you. I have a great deal at stake. If we lose the eighth, we lose everything, and for years to come."

"Perhaps. One dishonest step leads to another, and if I should sanction this man, I should not hesitate at greater dishonesty. My honesty is my bread and butter . . . and my conscience."

"Corporations have no souls; politics has no conscience. Williard . . ."

"My name is Newcomb," abruptly. "In a matter of this kind I cannot permit myself to be subjected to comparisons. You brought about my present position in municipal affairs."

"We had need of you, and still need you," confessed the other reluctantly. "The party needs new blood."

"You are a clever man, Mr. McDermott; you are a leader; let me appeal to your better judgment. Murphy is a blackguard, and he would be in any party, in any country. In forcing him on me, you rob me of my self-respect."

McDermott shrugged. "In this case he is a necessary evil. The success of the party depends upon his good will. Listen. Will you find, in all this wide land, a ruling municipality that is incorrupt? Is there not a fly in the ointment whichever way you look? Is not dishonesty fought with dishonesty; isn't it corruption against corruption? Do you believe for a minute that you can bring about this revolution? No, my lad; no. This is a workaday world; Utopia is dreamland. You can easily keep your eye on this man. If he makes a dishonest move, you can find it in your power to remove him effectually. But I swear to you that he is absolutely necessary."

"Well, I will assume the risk of his displeasure."

"Show him your document, and tell him that if he leaves you in the lurch at the polls, you'll send him to prison. That's the only way out." McDermott thought he saw light.

"Make a blackmailer of myself? Hardly."

"I am sorry." McDermott rose. "You are digging a pit for a very bright future."

"Politically, perhaps."

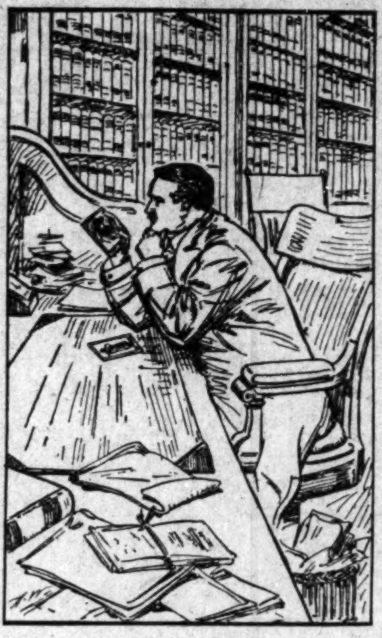
"If you are defeated, there is no possible method of sending you to Washington in Miller's place. You must have popularity to back you. I have observed that you are a very ambitious young man."

"Not so ambitious as to obscure my sense of right."

"I like your pluck, my boy, though it stands in your own light. I'll do all I can to pacify Murphy. Good night and good luck to you." And McDermott made his departure.

Newcomb remained motionless in his chair, studying the night. So much for his dreams! He knew what McDermott's "I'll do what I can" meant. If only he had not put his heart so thoroughly into the campaign! Was there any honesty? Was it worth while to be true to oneself?

From among some old papers in a drawer Newcomb produced the portrait of a young girl of 16 in fancy dress. When he had studied this a certain length of time, he took out another portrait; it was the young girl grown into superb womanhood. The eyes were kind and merry, the mouth beautiful, the brow fine and smooth like a young poet's, a nose with the slightest tilt; altogether a high-bred, queenly, womanly face, such as makes a man desire to do great things in the world. Newcomb



It Was the Young Girl Grown Into Superb Womanhood.

had always loved her. He had gone through the various phases: the boy, the diffident youth, the man. (Usually it takes three women to bring about these changes!) There was nothing wild or incoherent in his love, nothing violent or passionate; rather the serene light, the steady burning light, that guides the ships at sea; constant, enduring, a sure beacon.

As he studied the face from all angles his jaws hardened. He lifted his chin defiantly. He had the right to love her; he had lived cleanly, he had dealt justly to both his friends and his enemies, he owed no man, he was bound only to his mother, who had taught him the principles of manly living. He had the right to love any woman in the world. . . . And there was Williard—handsome, easy-going old Dick! Why was it written that their paths must cross in everything? Yes, Dick loved her, too, but with an affection that had come only with majority. Williard had everything to offer besides. Should he step down and aside for his friend? Did friendship demand such a sacrifice? No! Let Williard fight for her as he (Newcomb) intended to fight for her; and if Williard won, there would be time then to surrender.

It was almost twelve when the scrub-woman aroused him from his reveries. He closed his desk and went home, his heart full of battle. He would put up the best fight that was in him, for love and for fame; and if he lost he would still have his manhood and self-respect, which any woman might be proud to find at her feet, to accept or decline. He would go into Murphy's own country and fight him openly and without secret weapons.

So the time went forward. The second Tuesday in November was but a fortnight off. Newcomb fought every inch of ground. He depended but little, if any, upon McDermott's assistance, though that gentleman came gallantly to his rescue, as it was necessary to save his own scalp. It crept into the papers that there was a rupture between Murphy and the Democratic candidate. The opposition papers cried in glee; the others remained silent. Murphy said nothing when questioned; he simply smiled. Newcomb won the respect of his opponents. The laboring classes saw in him a Moses, and they hailed him with cheers whenever they saw him.

There were many laughable episodes during the heat of the campaign;; but Newcomb knew how and when to laugh. He answered questions from the platform, and the ill-mannered were invariably put to rout by his good-natured wit. Once they hoisted him on top of a bar in an obscure saloon. His shoulders touched the gloomy ceiling, and he was forced to address the habitues, with his head bent like a turtle's, his nose and eyes offended by the heat and reek of kerosene and cheap tobacco. They had brought him there to bait him; they carried him out on their shoulders. To those who wanted facts he gave facts; to some he told humorous stories, more or less applicable; and to others he spoke his sincere convictions.

Meantime Williard took hold of affairs, but in a bored fashion. He did the best he knew how, but it wasn't the best that wins high place in the affections of the people.

The betting was even.

Election day came round finally—one of those rare days when the pallid ghost of summer returns to view her past victories, when the broad wings of the west go a-winnowing the skies, and the sun shines warm and grateful. On that morning a change took place in Newcomb's heart. He became filled with dread. After leaving the voting polls early in the morning, he returned to his home and refused to see any one. He even had the telephone wires cut. Only his mother saw him, and hovered about him with a thousand kindly attentions. At the door she became a veritable dragon; not even telegraph messengers could pass her or escape her vigilance.

At six in the evening Newcomb ordered around his horse. He mounted and rode away into the hill country south of the city, into the cold crisp autumn air. There was fever in his veins that needed cooling; there were doubts and fears in his mind that needed clearing. He wanted that sense of physical exhaustion which makes a man indifferent to mental blows.

The day passed and the night came. Election night! The noisy, good-natured crowds in the streets, the jostling, snail-moving crowds! The illuminated canvas-sheets in front of the newspaper offices! The blare of horns, the cries, the yells, the hoots and hurrahs! The petty street fights! The stalled surface cars, the swearing cabbies, the venders of horns and whistles, the newsboys hawking their extras! It is the greatest of all spectacular nights; humanity comes out into the open.

The newspaper offices were yellow with lights. It was a busy time. There was a continuous coming and going of messengers, bringing in returns. The newspaper men took off their coats and rolled up their sleeves. Figures, figures, thousands of figures to sift and resift! Filtering through the various noises was the maddening click of the telegraph instruments. Great drifts of waste paper littered the floors. A sandwich man served coffee and sandwiches. The chief distributed cigars. Everybody was writing. Five men were sent out to hunt for Newcomb, but none could find him. His mother refused to state where he had gone; in fact, she knew nothing save that he had gone horseback riding.

At nine there was a gathering at the club. Williard was there, and all who had charge of the wheels within wheels. They had ensconced themselves in the huge davenports in the bow window facing the street, and had given orders to the steward to charge everything to Senator Gordon. A fabulous number of corks were pulled; but gentlemen are always orderly.

Williard, however, seemed anything but happy. He had dined at the senator's that evening, and something had taken place there which the general public would never learn. He was gloomy, and the wine he drank only added to his gloom.

The younger element began to wander in, carrying those execrable rooster-posters. A gay time ensued.

Newcomb had ridden 12 miles into the country. At eight o'clock the temperature changed and it began to snow. He turned and rode back toward the city, toward victory or defeat. Sometimes he went at a canter, sometimes at a trot. By and by he could see the aureola from the electric lights wavering above the city. Once he struck a wind-match and glanced at his watch. Had he lost or won? A whimsical inspiration came to him. He determined to hear victory or defeat from the lips of the girl he loved. The snow fell softly into his face and melted. His hair became matted over his eyes; his gauntlets dripped and the reins became slippery; a steam rose from the horse's body, a big-hearted hunter on which he had ridden many a mile.

"Good boy!" said Newcomb; "we'll have it from her lips."

Finally he struck the asphalt of the city limits, and he slowed down to a walk. He turned into obscure streets. Whenever he saw a bonfire, he evaded it.

It was ten o'clock when he drew up in front of the Gordon home. He tied his horse to the post with the hitching chain and knotted the reins so that they would not slip over the horse's head, wiped his face with his handkerchief, and walked bravely up to the veranda. There were few lights. Through the library window he saw the girl standing at the telephone. He prayed that she might be wholly alone. After a moment's hesitation he pressed the button and waited.

Betty herself came to the door. She peered out.

"What is it?" she asked.

"I did not expect that you would recognize me," said Newcomb, laughing.

"John? Where in the world did you come from?" taking him by the arm and dragging him into the hall. "Good gracious!"

"The truth is, Betty, I took to my heels at six o'clock, and have been riding around the country ever since." He sent her a penetrating glance.

"Come in to the fire," she cried, impulsively. "You are cold and wet and hungry."

"Only wet," he admitted as he entered the cheerful library. He went directly to the blazing grate and spread out his red, wet, aching hands. He could hear her bustling about; it was a pleasant sound. A chair rolled up to the fender; the rattle of a tea-table followed. It was all very fine. "I ought to be ashamed to enter a house in these reeking clothes," he said; "but the temptation was too great."

"You are always welcome, John," softly.

His keen ear caught the melancholy sympathy in her tone. He shrugged. He had lost the fight. Had he won, she would already have poured forth her congratulations.

"Sit down," she commanded, "while I get the tea. Or would you prefer brandy?"

"The tea, by all means. I do not need brandy to bolster up my courage." He sat down.

She left the room and returned shortly with biscuit and tea. She filled a cup, put in two lumps of sugar and passed the cup to him.

"You've a good memory," he said, smiling at her. "It's nice to have one's likes remembered, even in a cup of tea. I look as if I had been to war, don't I?"

She buttered a biscuit. He ate it, not because he was hungry, but because her fingers had touched it. It was a phantom kiss. He put the cup down.

"Now, which is it; have I been licked, or have I won?"

"What!" she cried; "do you mean to tell me you do not know?" She gazed at him bewilderingly.

"I have been four hours in the saddle. I know nothing, save that which instinct and the sweet melancholy of your voice tell me. Betty, tell me, I've been licked, haven't I, and old Dick has gone and done it, eh?"

The girl choked for a moment; there was a sob in her throat.

"Yes, John."

Newcomb reached over and tapped the hearth with his riding crop, absent-mindedly. The girl gazed at him, her eyes shining in a mist of unshed tears. . . . She longed to reach out her hand and smooth the furrows from his care-worn brow, to brush the melting crystals of snow from his hair; longed to sooth the smart of defeat which she knew was burning his heart. She knew that only strong men suffer in silence.

From the half-opened window the night breathed upon them, freighted with the far-off murmur of voices.

"I confess to you that I built too much on the outcome. I am ambitious; I want to be somebody, to take part in the great affairs of the world. I fought the very best I knew how. I had many dreams. Do you recollect the verses I used to write to you when we were children? There was always something of the poet in me, and it is still there, only it no longer develops on paper. I had looked toward Washington . . . even toward you, Betty."

Silence. The girl sat very still. Her face was white and her eyes large.

"I am honest. I can see now that I have no business in politics. . . ." He laughed suddenly and turned toward the girl. "I was on the verge of wailing. I'm licked, and I must begin all over again. Dick will make a good mayor, that is, if they leave him

Willard, However, Seemed Anything But Happy.

alone. . . . Whimsical, wasn't it, of me, coming here to have you tell me the news?" He looked away.

The girl smiled and held out her hand to him, and as he did not see it, laid it gently on his sleeve.

"It does not matter, John. Some day you will realize all your ambitions. You are not the kind of man who gives up. Defeat is a necessary step to greatness; and you will become great. I am glad that you came to me." She knew now; all her doubts were gone, all the confusing shadows.

Newcomb turned and touched her hand with his lips.

"Why did you come to me?" she asked with fine courage.

His eyes widened. "Why did I come to you? If I had won I should have told you. But I haven't won; I have lost."

"Does that make the difference so great?"

"It makes the difficulty greater."

"Tell me!" with a voice of command.

They both rose suddenly, rather unconsciously, too. Their glances held, magnet and needle-wise. Across the street a bonfire blazed, and the ruddy light threw a mellow rose over their strained faces.

"I love you," he said simply. "That is what drew me here, that is what has always drawn me here. But say nothing to me, Betty. God knows I am not strong enough to suffer two defeats in one night. God bless you and make you happy!"

He turned and took a few steps toward the door.

"If it were not defeat . . . if it were victory?" she said, in a kind of whisper, her hands on the back of the chair.

The senator came in about midnight. He found his daughter asleep in a chair before a half-dead fire. There was a tender smile on her lips. He touched her gently.

"It is you, daddy?" Her glance traveled from his florid countenance to the clock. "Mercy! I have been dreaming these two hours."

"What do you suppose Newcomb did to-night?" lighting a cigar.

"What did he do?"

"Came into the club and congratulated Williard publicly."

"He did that?" cried the girl, her cheeks dyeing exquisitely.

"Did it like a man, too." The senator dropped into a chair. "It was a great victory, my girl."

Betty smiled. "Yes, it was."

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The mob habit, it is to be hoped, is broken up.

Some of the Negro press see fit to do a bit of yellow journalism.

President Taft does not want any more billion dollar Congresses, nor does the country.

There are some things to be thankful for even in these shallow days. We are alive; that's more than many can say.

Some radical changes in the mining laws will be necessary if present conditions continue to permit men to be trapped like rats in the ground.

Mayor-elect Shank has returned after his trip East for a rest period after his strenuous campaign. He will be a very busy man for some days.

Colonel Perry Carson, of Washington, D. C., recently deceased, was tall and of fine physical build. He was referred to very often as the "tall black oak of the Potomac."

The Freeman is making an unusual effort to give its readers an interesting and an attractive holiday issue. Notify the agent in your vicinity; he will order it for you.

The President of the country and the Governor of the State have both proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. All that is now wanting is the festive bird and the accessories.

Now the fight is on as to who first proposed the Semi-Centennial Exposition, Booker T. Washington or President R. R. Wright, of the Georgia Industrial School. Gentlemen, there are enough honors for you all.

"Build me straight, Oh worthy master," and the rest of it according to Longfellow's "Building of the Ship." Respectfully dedicated to the builders of the "new yellow" bridge.

If the character of nations were submitted for the blue ribbon to an unbiased tribunal, the Japanese would figure with the few considered favorites for the coveted honor. The test, let us see—well, take the golden rule.

Senator Cullom has caused a mighty storm of indignation by his recent utterances on the Negro and the South. The Cleveland Gazette thinks that he is in his dotage. The Senator was a little late in expressing himself.

Indiana has a few candidates who expect something at the hands of the administration. Among them is William M. Lewis, editorial writer on The Freeman. Mr. Lewis is well known, a party man, and of good ability.

The ordinance introduced in the City Council to abolish the selling of market produce on the afternoons of market days, including Saturdays, will be a hardship on the farmer through the summer months, if the Saturday afternoons are included.

The Supreme Court has finally given the mob a whack that will be long remembered. It may confidently set down that when prison doors are agape for individuals that have the lynching bee they will not have that overweening anxiety to serve as civil scavengers gratis.

A justice of the peace in a little town in Colorado dismissed a suit to recover $15 damages for the wrecking of a buggy on the ground that it was not worth so much. The information did not say that the vehicle was owned by a Negro, but when the judge said it was not worth $15—"it was a-plenty."

The defeat of the proposed disfranchising amendments in Maryland was foreseen—of course, not with absolute certainty, but long ago the Democrats themselves split on the question of disfranchisement, making it plain that the plan would not have the united support of the party that cared most to have the amendments endorsed at the polls.

The colored teachers of Evansville, Ind., have been ordered to take a certain section of the room when attending teachers' meeting. That's going some. The Negro publication of that city insists that the order was inspired by the action of some of the colored teachers themselves, who made it a point to shun other colored teachers. If the newspaper report is true, it can be easily seen that the disposition would likely lead to ill feeling at least. Then again the order may have been given simply because it was possible to do so—a result of the everlasting race question.

The beautiful custom instituted by the first few that sat about the festal board will be re-enacted next week the country over. The same spirit that permeated still pervades—teaching the wholesome lesson of reverence and thankfulness for what we are about to receive, no matter how small. And after all content follows the law of self-estimation. The preacher is humble, so he can undergo what would knock out other men.

A corporation of colored men of Indianapolis will engage in soap making. The venture ought to prove highly successful, since soap is a necessity. The move is in the right direction—where the money is, in manufacturing. By the best business methods in all departments the individuals will do something that will command respect, make money for themselves and employ many of the race.

Swapped his gravel pit for a pond—not a strange experience to many people. He couldn't make his desert of a habitation go owing to the predominance of stones and sand. His neighbor had an old pond on his place with more or less water at times, so he bargained for the good, old, rich pond bottom, and in exchange for his sand bar. The time of transfer was long enough owing to the limited means, but after a while the transformation was complete. The erstwhile desert was now an oasis where everything he wished thrived, blossomed, fruited.

"And none so poor as to do it reverence"—1919. Well, Indianapolis, now's your opportunity. No one seems to think much of that date, and simply because it is so far off. But don't you know, Boston has put in a claim for 1920—an exposition in memory of the three hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. The demonstrative exposition, it is thought, will go to one of these four cities: Louisville, St. Louis, Atlanta or Richmond. Indianapolis is a trifle out of the belt of favorite cities, yet in view of poor regard for 1919 it can afford to stake out a claim to that date for a show to follow six years after.

The Jamaica Tribune, of Kingston, is greatly disturbed because a few of the citizens periodically advocate annexation to the United States. The persistent talk called forth a resolution by the National Club, of that city, declaring loyalty to the King of England. The Jamaicans seem to be troubled without cause. There is no current talk of annexation in this country, and if we guess right the country is in no state of mind to take on any more unassimilable peoples, no matter how much it might be desired. Of course there might be influences of a commercial way that could set the country a-thinking. If there is any such move it is not generally known.

The Tribune has it that we already dominate in the islands, and seems to deprecate the idea. The Jamaicans are largely Negroes; they fear the caste prejudice of the States. That publication says that all Jamaicans enjoy the greatest liberty possible.

COLONEL PERRY CARSON DEAD.

By the death of Colonel Perry Carson, of Washington, D. C., is removed a prominent and unique figure. He was best known throughout the country as a politician. To say that he was somewhat of a character will not do him an injustice.

The success that came to him was due to his political zeal, his devotion to party and men. He was of limited education, but made up through his somewhat spectacular personality, his zealous speeches and his readiness to serve.

Colonel Carson will be remembered in Indianapolis by the older citizens. He came here some years ago at the behest of those interested when it was thought that the Negro voters of this city were breaking over the traces.

In spite of his lack of book learning, he was in the political ascendancy in Washington for many years, serving in the very important capacity of National Committeeman for a long period, and was repeatedly selected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. He was a great admirer of James G. Blaine. It is said that Mr. Blaine was proud of the friendship, proving his regard for him in various ways. He was recognized officially according to his ability.

THE CAIRO MOB.

The Cairo, Ill., mob, which ended its work by burning one of its victims, was most vicious. The authorities say that the individuals who took part in the lawless business will be punished. A number of the ministers of the city and many of the law-abiding citizens hold that the laxity in the enforcement of the laws was what brought about the mobbing, leaving the impression that nothing will be done about it. Their conclusion, however is not the result of a race feeling altogether, since one of the victims was a white man. If there is a redeeming feature of mob work, it was owing to the fact that it was not a respecter of persons. This has in mind that ugly condition where Negroes alone suffer at the hands of lawless bodies of white men, having the tendency to cheapen, to discount, Negro citizenship.

The mob should not flourish for any reason, and less, if possible, should it flourish for the purpose of making playthings of black men because they are black men. If it really seeks to teach lessons by summary justice, it should see crime first and then men. We do not condone the mob at any rate, whether it has to do with white men or Negroes. It sets itself up beside the law, in front of the law, and when there is no necessity. It is very strange that individuals, knowing that the courts are ample for punishing wrongdoers, should feel to take matters into their own hands.

THE SUPREME COURT SENT THEM TO PRISON.

The Supreme Court of the United States imposed imprisonment of ninety days on ex-Sheriff Shipp, of Chattanooga, Tenn., for contempt of court in failing to prevent the lynching of Ed Jones, a negro who was in his charge. The jailer and several of the lynchers were also given sixty and ninety days. All told, there were six men sentenced by the court and who will spend the time in the jail in the District of Columbia or in the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga.

While the imprisonment as such is light, yet as a matter of principle it is just as salutary in the way of correcting the fearful evil of mob rule and official connivance at the same as if the imprisonment were for a hundred years. The lesson set forth and taught by the Supreme Court is a great one under the circumstances. Mobs and all connected have the habit of going scot free, never dreaming, very deeply at any rate, of punishment when a Negro is the subject. Mobs have intimidated courts and the good, quiet, law-abiding citizens until most of us had begun to feel that there was no remedy. The colored people especially had begun to despair of assistance that they thought should have been tendered by the state. Doubtless the action of the court of the last resort will do much toward restoring that confidence and esteem that were rapidly waning owing to lack of ability or disposition to cope with the evil.

We said at another time that matters of the kind—the mob and its non-apprehension—could not go on forever without something happening. Something happened, and most decidedly for the best, when the Supreme Court took the initiative by sending lawbreakers to jail, where they belong. This has in mind the monstrous infamy of hanging, shooting, burning, unsanctioned by law, and Negroes do not contend for all that goes with citizenship; they are discerning enough to know that prejudice is a natural something, fed by reasons whether fair or false—setting up barriers, drawing lines. Out of the condition these things are borne, but when it comes to being hung every time it turns around, it is altogether different when such hanging is not authorized by the law tribunals organized or instituted for such purposes. We, the Negroes, are to be secure in our property rights, to have protection for life and limb against marauders of any description. This is but meeting the conditions of civilization half way; the moral right to move freely where the citizen as a citizen moves is not insisted on, and as said before, owing to the known conditions.

The mob to be will have great cause to take notice of what has happened. The average man does not want to be imprisoned a single day, not for any reason, and certainly not for the inglorious think of being an accomplice at assassination. It says that there will be circumspection along the mobbing line. The precedent has been established, and the "laity" wants to know it, that the thing precedent is a terror. It virtually means that punishment is sure to follow a similar infraction. It is needless to say that the distinguished body of jurists has the applause of righteous thinking men wherever they are. The country needed the decision as a help in promoting peace prosperity in a civil way. The Negroes, above all, needed the decision to help them to respect. Above all the mob needed the decision—it has grown overbold. Masks, screens were no longer necessary to ward against the possibility of identification. Men with bared faces, emboldened by their "precedent" of injury and escape, arranged the noose, fired the bullets and applied the torch in very defiance of the law, and local and national respectability.

The reading of the Supreme Court is to those lawless gatherings, or to those who stand as minute men ready to engage in civil destruction to a class and lasting infamy on the name of the country for its tendency toward murder-at-large. We feel profoundly thankful for the timely interference, knowing that we speak for millions who have turned in all directions looking in vain for relief. We think it has come, quietly, but as formidably as an army with banners.

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON'S ITINERARY.

The following cities will most likely be visited by Booker T. Washington on the occasion of his tour through the state of Tennessee, beginning at Bristol, Nov. 18. Probably at Bristol, Johnson City and Greenville, Nov. 18; Knoxville, Harriman and Chattanooga, Nov. 19; South Pittsburg and Columbia, Nov. 20; Pulaski and Nashville, Nov. 21; Springfield and Hopkinsville, Nov. 22; Clarksville and Brownsville, Nov. 23; Memphis, Nov. 24; Jackson, Nov. 25.

Elaborate preparations are being made in each of the above cities for the reception of Dr. Washington and his party. The trip is being made for the purpose of stimulating the Negro people along material and moral lines and for the purpose of more permanently cementing friendly relations between the races. A special train wil be used so as to reach each of the above places during the week alloted for the trip.

NEVADA, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Nevada A. M. E. Church will be well attended for the next few weeks. They have a new pastor and presiding elder. Rev. R. C. Davis is the new pastor, and Dr. W. B. Brooks the new presiding elder....Mrs. Ida Booze, who has been sick since the death of her husband, is much better....Prof. W. L. Horne has disbanded his Mondolin Club, and will use his orchestra for balls an dreceptions.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

S. B. Kirk is practically well again and expects to go on his homestead soon....Mr. Rouse and son, two prosperous and well-to-do farmers at Entwistle, were down last week and report bumper crops on their places.... The 7-year-old daughter of Mrs. Hayes, Wilmur, passed away to her heavenly home on the evening of the 6th, from tuberculosis. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the German Church....Noah R. Dallard, a young and energetic farmer, from Rugby, N. D., writes from Happyland, Saskatchewan, that he will be in the city within a few weeks. Mr. Dallard is touring the western country, looking for a desirable location. At present he owns a half-section near Rugby.... Henry Ramsay of Laramie, Wyo., arrived in the city last week, and expects to make this his future home.... Z. W. Mitchell, secretary-treasurer of The Loyal Legion Co-Operative Investment Co., Ltd., of this city, has during the past month, in addition to land purchased for his company, secured in his own name $41,200 worth of first-class real estate, and is preparing to make his future home in Western Canada. This property is in a subdivision, with street-car service, sewer, city water, electric light and telephone accommodations, adjacent to the beautiful City Park of Edmonton, Known as Bellevue. ....Gains and Brown, colored comedians, were at the Empire Theater last week, and their act elicited considerable applause....The weekly cottage prayer meeting was held at Mrs. Z. W. Mitchell's house, on Fraser, last week.... John Milas, who was on his way to his homestead on the Sturgeon, was held up by an unknown robber, seven miles from the city, last week. The bandit secured, in all, $21....Mrs. J. Massie gave a 6 o'clock dinner at her new home on Boyle street, last Sunday afternoon, in honor of her husband's 38th birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Noy Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Mitchell and daughter Beulah....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address, or any complaint of not receiving THE FREEMAN, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, 'phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Wiley University football eleven was on the gridiron at Gaston Park, Friday, with Dallas High School, and cleaned up, so to speak, owing to this being the first game of the High School boys, amateurs against college professionals, who outclassed them on every point in the game. Yet the High School boys were game and went after the pigskin with dash and vim at all times. But the weight and rough tactics of the Wiley eleven kept the boys from scoring. The result was 0 to 16. A large number of the students and faculty accompanied the team here and were shown many courtesies by the citizens and the High School boys, girls and friends of education in the metropolis. The colors of both teams were in evidence and various noise devices were on hand to enliven the brilliant plays by each team and players. Every department of the various city schools was out to witness the game. The High School boys will play Prairieview team on Thanksgiving day, at Gaston Park....Dr. John Dardin is once more with the home people, practicing his profession, looking after the sick....Miss Alpha Lott is visiting her people in Austin....Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nickerson are domiciled at 600 Cochran street, their future home....Mrs. Jennie Tyree, of San Antonio, is here visiting friends....Charlie Franklin, of Terrell, is in the metropolis quite often these days. ....Mr. W. E. Carter is home, after an extended trip in the new territorial States on business....Call at 177 North Central and 190 Main street for The Freeman.... The Opossum Club has the following as its officers: R. D. King, president; A. A. Smith, secretary; Samuel Hanks, treasurer; T. H. Hooper, business manager; Emmet Jones, speaker.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Blanche Roberts, of East Boardman street, is on the sick list....Mrs. Charles Gardner and daughter were the guests of Mrs. Mary Bortney, in Chicago, on their way to Denver, Col., last week.... Mrs. Brooks, of Steubenville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, of Decker street....Mrs. Alice Green, of Chicago, who has been in the city for the past six months, will leave for Louisville, Ky., Monday....William Saunders will have skating at Avon Park, Monday, November 22. All invited....Mrs. Christ. Hamilton left Monday evening for Chicago, in response to a telegram....Mrs. Irene Harris and Mrs. Will Allen are doing nicely at the City Hospital....Mrs. Davis and daughter, of Bellaire, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Queen, of East Commerce street....A. H. Berry was in Warren last week on business....Attorney Harrington Simpson is on the sick list.... Word was received from Erie, Pa., that Herbert Bacon was seriously ill....Mrs. Christ. Hamilton will serve lunch at the dance in Excelsior Parlor, on the 29th.... Foster Collins returned from Cleveland, Sunday....Mrs. John Cromwell was in Pittsburg last week on business....Mrs. Sidney Thompson and Mrs. Jenkins are on the sick list.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Inez T. Alston, of Tampa, Fla., is in the city for a few days. She is the guest of Mrs. Dorrah....Mrs. Julia Thigpen, Mrs. T. E. Keaton and Mrs. Mary Baker, all of whom reside on North G street, are on the sick list this week.... The Evening Entertainers have issued exceptional invitations for an evening dress complimentary dance, Wednesday evening, November 24, at which the Connecticut German will be the feature of the evening. A pleasant time is expected....Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Kirksey are stopping at the home of Miss Minnie Gaskin, on North Devillier street....Mrs. B. H. Joseph, wife of one of Pensacola's well-known tailors, died Tuesday afternoon and was buried Wednesday from Big Zion Church, of which she was a member. Many of her friends attended the funeral....The Pensacola High School Literary Society rendered a very interesting program last week in their school room, including a debate: Resolved, That school is more uesful than the church. Affirmatives, Miss Inez Jordon and Mr. Horace Goode; negatives, Miss Simons and Mr. Robert Stewart. The decision was rendered in favor of the negative contestants....The Pensacola Normal and Industrial School made quite a hit at the Tri-County Fair last week, and many of the white people donated to the good work....Barnum & Bailey's great show gave Pensacola a treat with two performances, Monday, November 15. Prof. Reed's colored minstrel band is a good one, also the colored performers. Princess Weewee, the smallest woman on earth, attracted a good deal of attention. The people here are always proud to meet and see what the members of their race can do. ....Mr. S. Campbell, of Warrington, Fla., was visiting in town Monday.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The fall jubilee of the Mosaic Templars of America was the first session of its kind in this city, and was held Friday night, November 12, at the A. M. E. Church. The program rendered was grand in every respect. The lectures by Mr. L. L. Powell, S. G. M., and Mr. W. M. Alexander, N. G. M., were enjoyed by all. Death claims were paid to the beneficiaries of Miss Sophia Napier, Mrs. Sallie Hampton and Miss Maria Potloe, and also of Mrs. Dicy Newell, Mrs. Ella Horton. Each claim was $150....Henry Polk, who has been sick for several months, died Sunday and was taken to Limrock, Ala., his old home, for interment....Doss Weakley died Sunday, after a few days' illness....Miss Mary E. Phillips, who has been very ill, is improving at this writing....Mr. W. C. Carter, of Sheffield, and Miss Flossie Suggs, of Russellville, Ala., were quietly married at the home of the bride, Sunday evening. The party left immediately for Sheffield, where a royal reception awaited them at the home of the groom. Mrs. J. W. Jennings was hostess, and Mrs. S. A. Bowman presided at the organ....The Tuggle Normal and Industrial Institute Band and Concert Company, of Birmingham, Ala., gave a grand exhibition on Thursday night, November 11, at Woodside Park, which was enjoyed by a large audience. Mrs. T. A. Tuggle is president and Mr. G. S. Murray director.

DES MOINES, IA.

Special to The Freeman.

Little Bernice, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton, who has been ill with diphtheria, has recovered....Mrs. Prince Walker and two children, of St. Paul, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hogsette....Mrs. Jas. Todd, who has been ill for several months, is very low at this writing. Her folks have been summoned to her bedside....Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton, who has been at the bedside of her daughter, will soon make her departure for her home in St. Paul....Mrs. Emma Hays was called to Macon, Mo., on account of the death of her aunt.... Mrs. Evaline Smith has just returned from Kirksville, Mo., where she has been visiting for the past two weeks....Mrs. Claude Hams underwent an operation at the Methodist Hospital last week. She is better at this writing....Mr. and Mrs. Mather entertained twenty of their friends last Tuesday evening, in honor of their wedding anniversary....A copy of The Freeman can be had at any time at A. Brown's shop, 306 East Fifth street.... Walter Taylor and wife have accepted positions as head cooks at the Goldstone Hotel....Rev. Father Ed Willet, of Kansas City, Mo., delivered his famous lecture, "A Ray of Hope," at the Burns M. E. Church, Monday evening, under the auspices of the Des Moines Negro Lyceum Society....Mrs. Alice Ewing, of Keytesville, Mo., is visiting her son, Walter Ewing....Miss Mabel Hall, of Moline, Ill., who is visiting relatives and friends in the city, will leave for St. Paul Thursday morning, where she will spend the winter. ....A very nice program was rendered to a large audience at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, last Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Alpha Club. ....Word has been received in the city announcing the marriage of Miss Virginia St. Clair, of Atchison, Kans., to Dr. Jas. Elliot, of St. Joseph, Mo., which will take place November 30, 1909, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, at Atchison, Kans. They will be at home after December 21, in St. Joseph. Miss St. Clair has many friends in Des Moines, having visited here.... Mrs. Emma Hayes has returned from Macon, Mo., where she was called on account of the death of an aunt....Mrs. John Wilkison is visiting relatives and friends in Chillicothe, Mo....Mrs. Frank Bush is ill at this writing....Master Bennie Wilkison, who has been very ill, is much improved....A series of revival meetings has been started at the Corinthian Baptist Church....Mrs. Claude Harris, who underwent an operation at the Methodist Hospital last week, is improving nicely, and will soon be able to be removed to her home....Mrs. Mary Todd, wife of James Todd, who has been ill for the past five months, died at her home on Eleventh street last Monday. Mrs. Todd leaves a husband, two sisters, a nephew and a host of friends....Mrs. Dora Williams, of Des Moines, will spend the winter at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

LOUISVILLE FOOT BALL TEAM

Will Play at St. Louis Thanksgiving Day—Johnson is Star.

(BY CARRIE B. LEWIS.)

Louisville, Ky.—Special.

"On to St. Louis" is the cry of the students of the Central High School. For seven years it has been the annual custom for the Sumner High School of St. Louis and the Central High of this city to have a game of foot-ball on Thanksgiving. The games have alternated annually. Last year the St. Louis team was in this city and this year the home boys will go to Missouri.

A few Saturdays ago the Sumner team played the Pearl High from Nashville. Pearl won with ease. The contest is now between Central and Pearl. Central has played the Jeffersonville High School at a score of 64 to 0, and the ex-students of Central and State University at a score of 11 to 0.

Central is being coached by Prof. S. O. Johnson and assisted by Prof. E. K. Jones. They are among the best football men in the country. Under Prof. Johnson the team has only been defeated once in seven years. The high school boys are lighter this year than ever, but they have speed and know the game.

The fastest and most tiger like football player on the team is Oscar Johnson. This is his fourth season with the team. He will be backed by ten other youngsters that know the game and play it like trojjans.

The Sumner team is being coached by Profs. Huffman and Campbell. They are teachers at the Sumner High School and are well known as excellent coachers. They have sent word to Prof. Johnson that their boys are going to win, yet the Central boys claim this its impossible.

As usual, there may be a number of girls and teachers to accompany the team to St. Louis. Profs. Clar, Harris and Lawson are expected to go with the boys to cheer them to victory.

The line-up for Central is as follows: Barry or Brannon, left end; Spears, left tackle; Tinsley, left guard; Steward, of Hurston, center; McElroy, right guard; Parker, right tackle; Brown, right end; Simpson, quarter; Allen, left half; Johnson, right half; Barr, full. Substitutes: Wood, Brogsdale and D. Steward.

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Mr. William Smith was in the city Sunday visiting his friends. He returned Monday to hs home in Cincinnati.

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The Cane Club, composed of a fine set of the younger fellows of the city, will play the Y. M. C. A. a game of football on Thanksgiving in this city. The Cane Club is social in its nature, and has given a number of social affairs that have been interesting and entertaining. They have established a record for being extremously hospitable to the young girls in whose circle they move.

For their popularity it is expected that they will have a large crowd to witness the game on Thanksgiving. The line-up of both teams will appear in the columns of the FREEMAN of next week.

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Prof. Diton returns to the city Friday, November 19th, to appear at State University, 712 West Kentucky street. He is the guest of Prof. F. S. Delany while in the city.

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The members of the Louisville school board, superintendent and secretary, have been invited to the annual Thanksgiving dinner by the students of the Central High School. Ever since the domestic science department has been instituted the senior class has prepared a special dinner for the board, and it has always been a delight for the men connected with the public school to take a day off and visit the high school and dine.

Turkey, cranberries, beaton biscuits and other delacies of the season will be the menu for the occasion. While the cooking will be under the direction of the domestic science teacher and her assistant, the girls will cook and serve the dinner. The teachers and students usually receive high compliments for the manner in which they daintly and artistically serve the dinner.

Previous to the dinner the school board will visit the high school department and the two manuel training rooms under the direction of Profs. Woody, Welch and E. K. Jones.

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"Bud" Lively, one of Louisville's best known young men, was buried Wednesday, November 10. Bud was a really great singer of ragtime, and was in great demand among the better class of white people. He leaves a father and a host of friends....The banquet given by the Eight Friends was a very enjoyable affair. A large crowd was present. The success was due to the untiring efforts of William Lee, Bud Wheeler, Robert Rudd and Joe Palmer....Mrs. Bessie Allen, of 1113 West Madison, has returned hom, after a stay of several days at Cincinnati, attending the Conference of Probation Officers of America....The musical given by the Choral Society at Calvary, on Sunday afternoon, was a success. The attendance was good. Much credit is due to Mr. Tull Edward Brown, director and organist. Miss Renix is certainly a success as a soloist. Psalms xxvii was delightfully rendered.

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Choice music was furnished by a carefully selected quartet from the famous Amphion Glee Club, under the direction of Prof. J. Henry Lewis.

The Committee on Arrangements, to whose painstaking labors the success of this magnificient function was due, was made up of seventeen of the principal educational, political, social and commercial forces of the nation's capital, headed by Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, chairman, and Mr. Lewis E. Johnson of the Y. M. C. A., secretary.

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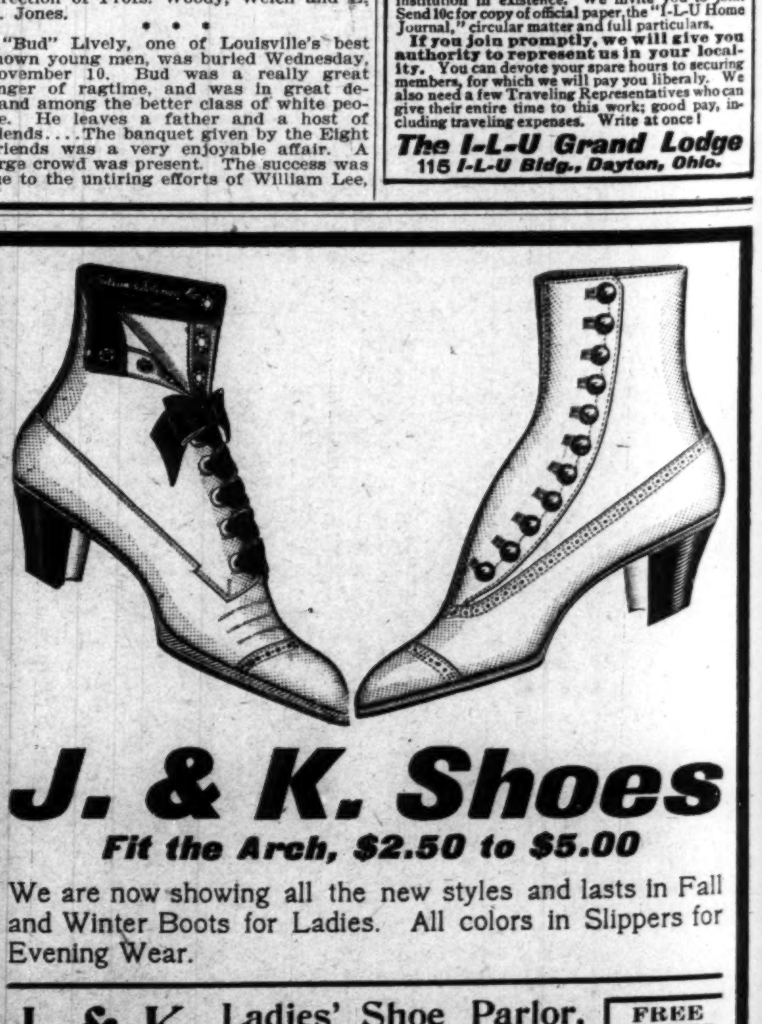

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Additional Stage News on Page Six.

Billy Windom has closed thirty-one weeks Sullivan-Considine time.

Cumly and Matthews are filling their second week's engagement at the Gaither Theater at Cincinnati.

Ada Overton Walker and her "Abyssinian Girls" will open at the Folies Maringny, Paris, June 1.

The Roys, John and Lizzie, will fill an engagement at the Scenic Theater, Waltham, Mass., next week.

The Lacey Brothers' Minstrels have engaged Eugene and Joe Clark and Miss Hicks for the coming season.

Daisy Garrett, of Taylor and Taylor, took the part of the Creole Slave at the Gilmore Theater at Springfield, Mass., last week with a white company.

R. Roy Pope, director of the band of the Annex of the Ringling Brothers' Circus, has returned to the city for the winter. Mr. Pope has a contract for the coming season.

Coleman and Jones, James and Alexander, are booked solid for forty-five weeks by the Western Vaudeville Association. Regards to the Dunbar Stock Company. Hello Pull Jackson!

Mr. James (Jim) Rhine sends regards to Mr. Scott Joplin, of Greater New York; also to Mr. Phil Williams, of A. S. Allen's Minstrels. Both write him in care of FREEMAN. Prof. Timmon would like to hear from S. T. Dunsmore.

The Raineys have just closed a six weeks' engagement at the Star Theate Montgomery, Ala., and will open a f weeks' engagement at the Pekin Theaten Atlanta, Ga. The Raineys have alwer, made good wherever they have plays Miss Gertrude Rainey always bringyed. house down when she renders a late the up-to-date coon song. Regards e and friends in and out of the professior to all Allen, George Hamilton, Jerry. Mack Paul Carter and John Dennis ple Barnes, to William Rainey and wife, care ase write MAN. of FREE-

Mr. Joe Simms, who has wo Temple Theater, Chicago, for rked at the was the guest of his mother a six weeks, Vicksburg, Miss., for one wee nd father in not seen their son in ten years. They had his success as a performer s, but read of himself as a monologuist. in a class by Vicksburg Saturday night, Mr. Simms left to open a seven weeks' eng November 13, Chicago Negro Vaudeville agement for the young comedian's name Exchange. This bered in New Orleans f will be remem- has played all of the or some time; he America. largest cities in

HARRY BRADFORD IS ILL.

Harry Bradford, the spondent for THE FRE able Eastern corre- at New York. Harr EMAN, is seriously ill by others, will take y A. Brown, assisted East, pending Mr. B up the work in the radford's recovery.

THE AMUSE U THEATER, NO. 2.

Mr. Fred A. Ba that the show is rrasso, manager, writes team of Ransom a nning along nicely. The week, and they we nd Ransom joined us last derson, our genia re a big hit. Billy Hen- hit also. Allen A stage manager, is a big comedian, is gi Chintz Moore, our principal ics to be the ven up by the Memphis crit- wife, Ella Mo funniest man in town. His the female se ore, is the fashion plate of to the profess ction of Memphis. Regards write. ion. Gertrude Rainey please

THE CONGO KING COMPANY.

The Congo King Company is still doing good business Arthur Allen would like to hear from A lexander Williams. Write at once (impor tant!) care THE FREEMAN. The Thomps company. D ns are still en route with the says wait u R. Hull is still with us and East. W. ntil he brings his orchestra dian, has co . Thomas, our leading come- for the sho mposed a bunch of new songs up. Regar w, and everybody is cleaning Fred Hende ls to all. Regards to Prof. Dixie. rson, from Al Snowie says hello

DEATH OF MAYBELLE E. WILSON.

Maybelle E. Wilson, one of the team known in va udeville as Alf and Mabel Wil- son, died in New York, Friday, November 12, from chronic pulmonary tuberculosis. Mrs. Wilso n was well known in vaudeville, burlesque and other companies. Her last appearance on the stage was in Boston, Mass., Th anksgiving week, 1908, engaged as a spec ial feature at the opening of the New Gay ety Theater with The Trocadero Burlesque Company. She played with this company three years prior to this engage- ment, an d was well known and appreciated over the entire burlesque circuit. The de- ceased was thirty-nine years old. She leaves a daughter, Viola C. Wilson. Inter- ment in St. Michael's Cemetery, Novem- ber 14.

ALABAMA CHOCOLATE DROPS.

Will iam Benbow has accepted a twenty weeks' engagement with the United Book- ing Association with his Alabama Choco- late Drops Company of ten funmakers: Miss Laran Blackburn and Belar Young, of Chi cago; Mr. Will Bell and Jessie Cook, of St. Louis; George Baker, slack wire and barrel jumper; Will Richeson, of Memphis, Tenn.; David Perdue, of Norfolk, Va.; Lewis Kim, of Mobile. William Benbow has just closed a short engagement in At- lanta, Ga., at the Arcade Theater, and also a week's engagement at the Dixie Theater, Birmingham, Ala. This bunch is routed through Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, North and South Carolina. David Perdue, stage manager; Will Spencer, traveling and busi- ness manager; Willitm Benbow, general manager.

PEKIN THEATER, AT CINCINNATI.

Lee's Stock Company opened its fourth week at the Pekin Theater to a S. R. O. house. This week Manager Lee offers "The Jealous Husband," a side-splitting farce from the pen of L. Tish Lee. A first part vaudeville bill which is opened by Lee and Lowry in "Just Kids," and in which "A Tear, a Kiss and a Smile," one of Alfred Anderson's latest song hits, wins applause from the audience. Wilson and Brown make them laugh some in "The Minstrel Man's Wife." The bill includes another number and closes with the farce. The management of the Pekin has leased Mr. Dunbar house in Columbus, Ohio, and Dunbar Dempsey will operate both places. The New and opens November 29 with Lee's bar is ... Up-to-Date Minstrels. The Dun- this pa is one of the best equipped theaters in ager Lee of the country, and, with Man- to make e at the head, Mr. Dempsey hopes it one of the most successful.

THE PEKIN, AT NORFOLK, VA.

Norfolk's popular little theater, situated on Queen's Negro street (better known as Nor- folk's best Broadway), after presenting the best bill ever played in the city for the past week, has closed down for the pur- pose of enlarging and remodeling the house from end to end. Manager C. W. Moseley is sparing neither pains nor money in re- modeling the house, and when completed it will be not only the pride of Norfolk, but the swellest little playhouse in the South. The Pekin, with but few exceptions, books its acts direct from New York City, and always presents the best talent that ca nbe obtained. The headliners last week were Taylor and Starkes, a sister team direct from the Palace Hall Theater, New York, and they have been more than a scream and the talk of the town. Others who have been holding their own are Miss Josephine Dudley, the sweet little sentimental singer of Louisville, Ky.; Miss Georgia Davis, the dainty little soubrette at Washington, D. C.; also the great and only Frank Inman, our popular stage manager. The house will open with a strong bill Saturday, November 20. Listen for the Pekin's new bill later. Regards to friends in and out of the profession. Whitney bunch please write. You should hear that Pekin band.

THE PEKIN, AT LEXINGTON, KY

This house, Gray and Combs, owners, has proved to be a great success. This popular vaudeville and motion picture house opened the first of September with Mr. Charles J. Parker, comedian and song writer, and Minstrel Morris, the comedy juggler. Mr. Parker has just returned from the West, and has been engaged as stage manager.

The first performance under the management of Mr. Parker opened last week, introducing Mr. Parker's original new act, "The School Kids," one of the best acts seen on the vaudeville stage. The music and songs are top liners; each number is from the pen of Mr. Parker.

The S. R. O. sign is seen on the box office every night. The show is made up of all stars, consisting of Miss Effie Bridges, a singer that sings. She has sung to success one of Mr. Parker's new numbers, "S-c-h-o-o-l K-i-d-s Spells School Kids." Miss Garnette Garnet is making a big hit with her novelty buck and wing dancing. Little Master Horace Jones, the ten-year-old wonder, is making the old "stompers" sit up and take notice with his rapid buck and wing dancing. Minstrel Morris is down on the bill and making good.

THE AMUSE U THEATER NO. 2, AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Amuse U Stock Company, under the personal direction of Billy Henderson, is the talk of Greater Memphis, and as a whole the company deserve the credit that they receive, presenting each week a series of high-class musical comedies, dramas and extravaganzas. Commencing Monday, Novemver 15, the company will be seen in the sensational drama "The Octoroon," in six acts. The team of Ransom and Ransom are the latest addition to the Amuse U Stock, and is doing well, "thankee." The Moores, Allan and Ella, send regards to friends. The Tansells, George Lewis, Elbert White and Baby Urma are doing splendid work and getting curtain calls nightly. Billy Henderson says hello to the McNeils, Effie Means, Mamie Selly and Prof. William H, Dorsey. Fred Bonny, please write; address 121 Desoto street, Memphis, Tenn.

THE TUTT WHITNEY MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

By V. P. Thomas.

The Tutt Whitney Musical Comedy Company appeared at the Temple, on Gravier and Saratoga streets, at New Orleans, La., Monday night, for the first time, and the way the great crowd greeted Tutt Whitney and his whole company, it is safe to say that they just simply cleaned up for all the shows that played before them. The title of the show presented on the occasion was "My Friend from Kentucky," a three-act musical comedy, book by S. T. Whitney, music by Trevor L. Corwell and S. T. Whitney, assisted by J. Homer Tutt and Henry L. Watterson. The staging of the production is the work of S. T. Whitney, and the orchestration and arrangements that of T. L. Corwell. In the cast of characters are S. T. Whitney as Abraham Lincoln Brown, supported by J. Homer Tutt, W. A. Baynard, Sam Gardner, Frank Jackson, Sank Simms, James Woodson, Linsey Lewis, Miss Daisy Martin, Nettie Taylor, Mabel Brown, Mamie Gardner and a chorus of sweet singers, including Babe Brown, Ethel Marhsall, Hallie Dean, Mabel Brown, Della Dennings, Mabel Dehearbe, Nida Marshall, Mamie Gardner, Blanche Simms, Georgie Davis, H. S. Wooten, James Weaver, Al Stauder, James Woodson and Louis Lindsay.

The singing by the entire company in the opening scene on the lawn was catchy and carried delight, it seemed, to every soul in the large audience, and the movements accompanying it fitted the scene and harmonious notes so well that it would have been the most unnatural thing of such a first-class audience for it to have done other than it did in heartily clapping its delight in rapturous applause at the last note. In a word, the audience was completely captivated by the pleasure it was treated to in the evry first number on the program, and Tutt Whitney, as Abraham Lincoln Brown, from Bowling Green, Kay Wye (Ky.), with all of his odd and ridiculous witticisms, funny and comical looks and attitudes, simply just put the audience in such good humor that at times, on account of the laughter, it was barely possible to hear what he was saying. As a funny man his equal has yet to come to the Temple this season. Abraham Lincoln Brown arrives in an auto (wheelbarrow) and meets his host and a party of friends waiting to welcome "The Man That Rules the Town" of Bowling Green, Kay Wye. He was welcomed by so many fine looking girls that he declares, after being "induced" to the charming Daisy Martin, the leading woman, that he was never going back to Bowling Green no more. When he goes to be initiated in the lodge, and when he becomes a soldier, as well as when he goes on the field of honor to resent an insult, Abraham Lincoln Brown causes the audience to laugh itself almost into hysterics.

The sceneries are good, and they help very much to produce the effect aimed to be had on the audience during the presentation of the various parts of the comedy, and the musical accompaniments, under the direction of Henry Watterson, the features that heighten the pleasing effect of the scenes in the dancing and singing parts. The gay, fantastic and fashionable costumes of the dancing girls fit them well, and are of the proper taste and effect at all times. Miss Daisy Martin, as leading woman, is always graceful, never looking too stiff, too limp, too fast, or too slow in the way she carries herself, and her smiles always look like real happy smiles that charm, and not like the tired, sickly smiles that never have any inspiration in them for the audience. As with Miss Martin, so it was with every member of the chorus on the stage—the whole set looks happy and acts that way the whole time, and the effect on the audience is most pleasing and productive of pleasure. The audience is kept seeing and hearing things that keep it in the best of humor every moment of the show, and the clockwork manner of the lively actions of all when the entire company presents itself, shows a degree of training and preparedness for the business of the profession that is a credit to Tutt Whitney, Corwell and Watterson as artists in their lines, and to the members of the company as people with the required aptitude and talent for the stage.

The company is easily and truly the best that has been billed in this city this season, and it is classed with the Smart Set in its best days of triumph and success as a company of entertainers. The singers sing sweetly and every word of the songs warbled can be heard and understood well, while the dancers are all clever trippers of the light fantastic shins. Homer Tutt is the fellow who is always in a different suit when the audience sees him again, and who was soon one of the favorites with the crowd. It seemed to do many in the audience good to see how dapper and clever Homer looked and acted his parts. Miss Nettie Taylor, leading the double sextette in singing "Come Out, Dear Louise," got a number of encores. "The Man That Rules the Town," as sung by Tutt Whitney, received many call backs. "Strutting Sam," by Homer Tutt and chorus; "Hymn by the Royal Roosters," by the company; "Way Back in Dixie Land," by Miss Ethel Marshall and company; "My Spanish Maid," by Miss Babe Brown and Spanish girls; "Smile On, Sue," by Miss Daisy Martin, Homer Tutt and double quartette; "Pride of Company B," by Whitney and Gardener; "Reminiscences of Dixie," by the entire company; "Where I Long to Be," by Frank Jackson and chorus; "Dat's Sufficiency," by Tutt Whitney and Daisy Martin; "For Honor," by concerted octette, and the medley as a finale by the company, all took well and were songs that gave opportunities to those who had them to sing to show what they could do in the singing line, and be it said to their credit that they all came across with the "goods" and received the singer's reward—plenty of applause.

Manager Cheevers is being congratulated on all sides in the judgment he is displaying in booking shows for the Temple, and for the all round satisfaction he is giving to the patrons in the matter of management of the force of attendants necessary to keep order and provide for the comfort of patrons. He has stood for popular prices for the people and for the best shows that it is possible to get to come to New Orleans.

Wednesday night, after the performance at the Temple theater, where the Tutt Whitney Musical Comedy Company was playing "My Friend from Kentucky" to a packed house of the Crescent City's social set, a theater party composed of thirty-two repaired to the Astoria Hotel for a supper, which was served in grand style and enjoyed very much by all who were in the party. Champagne, oyster cocktails and a menu of the best that the Astoria could spread were on the tables, and it goes without saying that the feast took with the party as enjoyably as had the show, which was a plenty. In the party were Dr. and Mrs. A. Dejoie, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Maurice, Mr. and Mrs. A. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Misses Missouri McCue, Ida Hall, Cecelia Marshall, Nellie Martin, Eunice Brazeale, Madames Sadie White, Maud Price, Miss Viola Conley, Messrs. Harry B. Wood, Grant Webb, Preston B. Peters, Charles Boyd, William Wolfe, William Claybrooks, George P. Goode, Dr. J. E. Willis, Dr. B. Landry, Matt Winston, Judge J. Madison Vance and the representative of THE FREEMAN. Messrs. H. B. Woods and George P. Goode got up the party, and made all the arrangements for the success it was.

C. V. B. A. NOTES.

By Harry A. Brown,

Eastern Correspondent of The Freeman.

Members, send in your photos for the new club.

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Oh, I say girls, do you belong to the C. V. B. A.?

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Black and Jones are at the American Music Hall, New York City.

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The blacklist is off at the United Booking office, so says dame rumor.

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James Wories, of the act known as Wories and Smith, is playing vaudeville in the East.

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Ladies of the profession the C. V. B. A. wants you. Bradford is tipping this off. Oh you ladies.

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Jones and Sutton play the Olympic Theater, New York City, this week. Sunday, Gaiety, Brooklyn.

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Lingle Westley Norris is this week at the Fourteenth Street Theater, New York, doing fine alone, thank you.

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The C. V. B. A. now has 500 members scattered all over the world.

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Tom Fletcher plays Hudson Theater, Murray Hill, this week, with Young's Pier, Atlantic City, N. J., to follow.

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A large delegation of the C. V. B. A. attended the show, "His Honor, the Barber," in Brooklyn, Wednesday night.

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Sam Davis, treasurer of the C. V. B. A., wishes it to be known that in the future his name will read Sam H. M. Davis.

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Eugene Butler, singing comedian, has just closed with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, and has returned to New York.

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When "His Honor, the Barber" played Worcester, Mass., last, Major Taylor entertained Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor.

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Payton and Wilson are playing Independent time, Bayonne, N. J., week of November 15, with other good time to follow.

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Martin and Fox are still playing the Independent time, now on their third week. Savoy Theater now, with Attleboro, Mass., to follow.

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Robinson and Gaten are still among the boys, and are at present on the For circuit. They are still on the ladder, and with a few more rounds will be able to reach the top.

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The C. V. B. A. is now in its new quarters, 502 Sixth avenue, first floor. The new club is up to date, with pool room, reading room, and everything that goes to make a club house.

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I understand that Mr. George Walker is at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, doing nicely. We all want to have Geo. Walker back among us members of the C. V. B. A. Wish Mr. Geo. Walker a speedy recovery.

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The Mohawk Comedy Four, Arthur Rhodes, James Slater, George Hamilton and William Ball, are playing clubs around New York. They are entertaining the Four Hundred and the guests of the Waldorf Astoria.

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Leon Williams. President of the C. V. B. A., wishes me to announce that all members be requested to write to secretary La Motte, at once, before accepting any more contracts, traveling members write at once, 507 6th Ave.

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Mrs. James A. Wilson died November 12. She was buried November 15. Mrs. Wilson was late of the team well known of The Wilsons. Members of the C. V. B. A. acted as pall-bearers. She was the wife of James Wilson, of the team of Payton and Wilson.

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To the colored people of America I want to say if you ever go to New York City, go to the Grand Opera House manager. Smith certainly treats all people alike, black or white, he is a fine man personally and the Negro's friend. The writer has cause to know. Bradford said that. Oh you live wire, Freeman.

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Colored theatrical ladies don't fail to join the best colored organization in the world, the only benevolent organization in the world that takes in everybody if they are artists. The C. V. B. A again claims originality. Yes, ladies. Just write Mr. Frank La Motte for information.

Ladies on the sick list in New York City at present: Grace Vaughner, Mabe Wilson and Lizzie Taylor.

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Gorden and Keys are now playing the Independent time, and will soon travel West to Chicago for a tour. Their billing reads "Singers and eccentric wooden shoe breakers." Miss Keys is a very pretty girl and a new one on the stage, but from her work no one would think it. Of course, everybody knows Sammy Charcoal, late of Gorden and Chacon Sunny South and Charicoal and Burns. The act he has now he will be able to book at any time.

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Look who was at the C. V. B. A. club rooms, Sunday, November 15: Laurence E. Chenault, Joe Britton, Jim Slater, James P. Reed, Ruby Shelton, Matt Johnson, Len Payton, L. S. Saulsbury, Joe Moore, Sam Davis, Sherman Dudley, James Woriles, Little Johnnie Jones, Lloyd Gibbs, Al Bailey, Will Ball, Frank Claremont, Bob Slater, Harry Fiddler, Rowland Al Wilson, James Burris, Tom Fletcher, John Vaughner, Andrew Tribble, Frank LaMotte,, Percy Robinson, Nick of the Georgies.

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Fiddler and Shelton played the Broadway, Brooklyn, Sunday, November 15. The New York Sunday Telegraph says: "Fiddler and Shelton say hundreds know us. Thousands never heard of us. Millions never will. There will be a large number of people to witness their performance the coming week, as they will make their first appearance at Manager Percy C. Williams' Colonial Theater. This couple referred to is an excellent number on a program where any singing, mimicry or impersonations are called for. Look them over the coming week."

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James Settles, an old-time performer, died November 11. Mr. Settles had been in active stage life for eighteen years. He was a well-known tenor singer. At the time of his death he was one of the team of the Three Settles, consisting of his wife and daughter. He was for years with J. M. Moore Unique Quartette and was forty-three years of age. He leaves a loving wife and dear little child. The funeral was left in the care of Mr. Joe Moore, acting for the C. V. B. A., to make and attend to all the arrangements of the burial and for widow and child. The pall-bearers were Will Ball, Frank LaMotte, Johnnie Jones and John Smith, and a great many members of the C. V. B. A. attended, also members of the two big shows now playing in the city, Williams and Walker Company and S. H. Dudley's "His Honor, the Barber." I wish to add that Mr. Settles was not a member of the C. V. B. A., having been ill since it was originated, but all credit should be given the association for the position it has taken in standing by brother professionals, in the association or not. As long as the C. V. B. A. stands there will be no paper passed to bury unfortunate stage folks.

THE KEMPS—BOBBY AND MAY.

The tea mhas just closed a six months' engagement over the Orpheum Circuit and have been pronounced as one of the biggest hits ever seen. Mr. Kemp is one of the best singing comedians in the business, and his voice has lost none of its sweetness. Unlike most comedians, he imitates none, but is the same as in minstrel fame—improves in his work klie. May Kemp, who has been called the dainty and graceful creole soubret in vaudeville, renders a song unlike all others and features in her own way "Down Among the Sugar Cane." Mrs. Kemp has an elegant wardrobe.

The team has worked two years without a layoff; have played Percy Williams Houses eight times and have played every first-class house in New York, including the Hippodrome. They have been one big success from New York to San Francisco. Mr. Kemp says that he has had the greatest trip of his life through the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Mayme Brown, male impersonator, Bonnie Clark, female impersonator, and James Brown, straight man, in their orginal character, singing and dancing act, are booked on the Doyle and Sun time. The act is meeting with unusual success. They were the guests of friends in this city this week and next week wil lentertain audiences at Charlestown, W. Va. Regards to the Beechums.

JACK JOHNSON VISITS THE HOOSIER CAPITAL

Everything in an Uproar Over the Coming of the Champion.

By Chas. D. Marshall.

Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, came to the city Monday to fill a week's engagement at the Empire Theater, and to say that the capital of Indiana was not very much aroused over his coming would be putting it wrong. Monday morning, on his arrival, he was met at the depot by a number of the best citizens of Indianapolis and escorted in hacks to the most interesting parts of the city. Mr. Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman, and Mr. John D. Howard headed the party from the starting to the final wind-up at Mr. Archie Greathouse's hotel and buffet, where over five hundred persons had been waiting for hours to get a glimpse of the great fighter. Receptions of every sort have been given in his honor this week, and a great many of them the champion did not attend because of his having to abide by his trainer's rules in order to keep in condition. Mr. Bob Armstrong, one of the best trainers of the country, is looking after Jack, and is to prepare him for his great battle with James J. Jeffries. Mr. George Little, who arrived in the city Wednesday, is his manager. At every exhibition that he has given at the Empire Theater the house has been packed to the doors.

Jack Johnson is a powerful looking man, having extraordinarily large shoulders and being about six feet in height. He has a very pleasing address and talks very "plain English." The white press has been misrepresenting him so far as language goes, as he uses but little, if any, Negro dialect when speaking. Mr. Johnson himself is a peaceful, law-abiding citizen, with wonderful cleverness, and in his sparring exhibitions he shows an exceedingly great amount of judgment.

Mrs. Johnson has been stopping with the champion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Greathouse, and it seems that her stay here has been a very pleasant one. She thinks Indianapolis is a beautiful city, and would not mind coming to visit it again.

Uppermost in Jack Johnson's mind is his coming fight with Jeffries, and he is getting ready every minute of his time to give the big ex-champion the battle of his life. He is steadily improving, physically and scientifically, for this important event.

DULUTH—SUPERIOR.

Mr. William Butts, who has been confined to his home for the past three weeks with a serious attack of rheumatism, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital last week for observation and treatment. Hopes for his early recovery are entertained by his many friends.

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Dick Gordon, the popular trombone soloist of St. Mark's A. M. E. Church, was the guest at a little Masonic soiree last Monday night. Mr. Gordon got the first prize and all present report a spirited race in which some of the older men showed an unusual amount of vitality. "Ask Dick, he knows."

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The Freeman's popularity in Duluth is getting greater with every issue and is now obtainable from Messrs. H. C. and W. B. Richardson, at the First National Bank building, Duluth, and David Graham's restaurant, 1218 Third street, Superior. You miss all the race's best news if you don't read The Freeman. "Get the habit."

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The Pure Food Show closed in a blaze of glory Saturday, Nov. 13. The efficient service rendered by the many colored ladies during the period of the exhibit was commented by all. Among those employed were Mesdames Josie D. Mobley, L. Porter, L. Dawson, Katie Bishop, Ella Pendleton, Emma Dearie, Emma Watts, Misses L. Howe, Helen Scott and ePari Clemens.

Mr. George H. Adams and R. E. McCullough were examined by the civil service board for positions as clerks in the local postoffice Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Messrs. Carr, Sherley and Rev. Jonathan Brewer were given Pythian degrees by the local lodge K. of P. at their last regular session.

Mrs. Joseph Lewis, of 1116 W. Superior street, returned Sunday morning from a three weeks' visit with her mother in Kansas City, Mo., who has been seriously ill. Mrs. Lewis left her mother in a much improved condition. Owing to the nature of her visit Mrs. Lewis was unable to accept many of the social courtesiés tendered during her stay in the Missouri city.

Messrs. Johnson, Mackay and Jones, the blind musicians who played a summer engagement at one of the local parks, are again in the city after a short sojourn in the Windy City.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Special to The Freeman.

The first West Virginia Annual Conference, which was held in St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Beechurst avenue, October 14 to 17, inclusive, was carried out successfully. Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D., LL. D., presided at the conference. There were several visiting preachers and lay delegates from the Pittsburg Conference and other conferences present. Several addresses and preaching of the gospel were beautifully rendered. Rev. Dr. Stinson, vice-president of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Dr. Woodson, one of the members of the board of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Rev. J. E. Morris, agent of Wilberforce College, Monongahela City, Pa.; Rev. C. J. Powell, D. D., pastor of A. M. E. Church, East End, Pittsburg; Rev. J. W. Jeffries, of Elizabeth, Pa.; Rev. W. B. Anderson, presiding elder of East Pittsburg District; Rev. D. S. Bentley, presiding elder of the North Pittsburg District; Rev. T. J. Askew, of Washington, Pa., and others, far and near and abroad, were here, attended the conference, and gave excellent addresses. Rev. B. S. Carson, of Huntington, W. Va., was transferred to the Ohio Conference and stationed at Columbus, Ohio; Rev. W. E. Walker, of Charleston, W. Va., was transferred to the Ohio Conference and stationed at Chillicothe, Ohio; Rev. S. P. Huff was transferred to the North Ohio Conference and stationed at Gallipolis; Rev. W. B. Ford was transferred to the Pittsburg Conference and stationed at Donora. The following preachers are stationed this new conference year as pastors in charge for 1910: Rev. J. H. Accooe, presiding elder of Clarksburg District; Clarksburg, Rev. S. P. West; Morgantown, Rev. S. Christian; Weston, Rev. J. L. Griffith; Elkins, Rev. J. C. Young; Meriden, Rev. S. C. Honesty; Rork Branch, Rev. W. H. Graham; Keyser, Rev. O. T. Davis; Petersburg, Rev. L. A. Barber; Buckhannon, Rev. A. J. Smoot; Rev. W. H. Thomas, presiding elder of Wheeling District; First Wheeling, Rev. E. R. Baizer; Second Parkersburg, Rev. F. H. Alleyne; Third Huntingdon, Rev. L. A. Bell; Fourth Charleston, Rev. R. R. Downs; Fifth Bluefield, Rev. S. F. Boston. The next annual conference for the year 1910 will be held at Charleston, W. Va.... Mrs. Fannie Heddricks died Wednesday morning, November 3, between 3 and 4 o'clock, and was buried Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the Jones Chapel M. E. Church. Interment in Oak Grove Annex Cemetery. Rev. Offer, pastor in charge... Miss Ida Alexander, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown and Miss Eva May Brown during the summer, and were in California, Pa., visiting relatives, returned to this city Sunday evening, November 7, stayed over night, and left Monday morning for her home in Point Pleasant, W. Va....Mrs. Myrtle S. Noal, of Monongahela City, Pa., was in this city visiting friends and attending the West Virginia Conference. She returned home a few days ago.....John H. Lewis was called home last month on account of the death of his brothers, Mr. Edward A. Lewis and Mr. Leon Lewis, at Monongahela City, Pa....Miss Lydia Cranshaw, who has been away visiting friends at Clarksburg, W. Va., returned home last Sunday afternoon.

MOBILE, ALA.

Special to The Freeman:

The Stone Street Baptist Church has just closed a very successful meeting. The church was blessed by having Rev. Madison, of Montgomery, Ala., to deliver a series of sermons. He has made an impression upon the people of Mobile and he will always be welcome....Dr. E. T. Belsaws lectured to the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon on the "Duty to Your Brother."....The Harvest Home Festival and Bazaar, given at State Street Church, was a success. The ladies who were on the different committees deserve much credit for their work....Mr. Henry A. Harden will leave for the East in a few days on business....Capt. Chas. Nicholas says that the Johnson and Jeffries bout will not be more than fifteen rounds. He favors Jack, of course....The Y. M. C. A. Glee Club, under the management of Burden and Holman, will give a concert and musical at State Street Church Monday night, Nov. 15. Mr. Poole, secretary of the association, will organize a basket ball team of young ladies, to work in the interest of the Y. M. C. A.....There has been a rumor current of a Negro bank to be started and this will be very good.... Mr. A. S. Smith spent last Sunday at Oak Groove and was very much pleased with the trip....Call at the Gulf City Drug Store or ring Bell Phone 1205, and C. M. Wilkerson will be glad to have you purchase the bright and spicy Freeman, 5c single copies. Your subscriptions solicited ....The Funmakers, headed by Rosett the contralto, and Funny Mills, are drawing large crowds at Lagman's Theater. They have a change of bill each week, new faces, good dancing and good music.... Ernest Goode and Van Delmore, two boxers of Mobile, are anxious to get matches in the welterweight class and middleweight class.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

The Ladies' Silver Medal Contest, which is in charge of Madam F. E. Preston, has been postponed until Dec. 2, 1909....Rev. A. W. Puller, D. D., LL. D., of South Bend, Ind., preached at the Second Baptist Church Sunday evening....Mrs. Evans delightfully entertained the Pastor's Aid at her home on Clyde street, and after a fine repast the society adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. McGregory, of 84 Fonda avenue....Mrs. Ella Lewis of Marshall, Mich., has accepted the position of matron at the Grand Trunk Depot....Mrs. Martha Weaver and daughter, of Ionia, Mich., have been the guests of Mrs. M. Connor, and also of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clayton....Mrs. Mitchell and her son, Meredith, of Cheshire, Mich., have been the guests of Mrs. M. Connor.... Mr. Christopher Johnson has returned to this city....Rev. Adams of West Virginia preached at the Second Baptist Church Sunday morning....Don't forget the Thanksgiving dinner at the Second Baptist Church....Mrs. Alex. Dick of Kalamazoo street died at her home Monday morning at 1 a. m., and was buried Wednesday at Ypsilanti, Mich.

PERU, IND.

Alex. Taylor and Mrs. Gertrude Floyd entertained in honor of Miss Sarah Green Byrd last week....Mr. and Mrs. N. Butler have returned from abroad. ....Mesdames Nina Peyton and Mrs. Pearl Blackwell gave a pleasant surprise in honor of Mrs. Julia Turner.... Miss R. Webb is progressing nicely with her studies at Purdue University.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Loyd Bibbs left Tuesday night for Indianapolis, Ind., to make his home.... The Waiters' Club will give a grand Thanksgiving ball at the Bright Light Hall Thursday evening, Nov. 25. Mr. Robert A. B. Carr, president; James Saulberry, secretary, and Willie Hopkins, floor manager. ....Mrs. Annie Johnson, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Clara Alves, 445 S. Adam street....Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Blackwell left Thursday night for St. Louis, Mo., to make their home....Mrs. Limas Marshall is still confined to her bed....Mr. James Smith, the barber, is up and out again. after being confined to his bed with typhoid fever.... Mr. Lem Williams will leave in a few days for Chicago, Ill., where he will make his home....Rev. Price baptized sixteen converts last Sunday at the First Baptist Church, the result of two weeks' revival. Rev. Price is doing much good in this city. ....The Church Aid Society gave a party at Mrs. Alice Garrett's, on North Elm street, Tuesday, Nov. 9, a nice sum of money was raised....Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Cooskey, will move into their new home on S. Adam street this week....Mr. Johnnie Filmore, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city visiting friends....Miss Lillian Hirsh, of Terre Haute, Ind., is in the city visiting her mother and friends.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to The Freeman.

Madam Anita Patti Brown, of Chicago, Ill., the famous sweet singer, L. B. Smith, the great pianist, and Prof. Calhoun, a local pianist of much distinction gave a high-class musical at the Wiley Memorial Church November 3....Miss Mattie Deleagh, one of Chattanooga's popular society ladies, has returned from a six weeks' stay in New York City. She is a member of the choir of Warren A. M. E. Church and a sweet singer....The funeral of Mrs. Florcie Wafford took place at the Quinn A. M. E. Church Thursday afternoon, November 3, Rev. E. A. Martin officiating. There was a large attendance. She leaves a loving husband and a dear child, an affectionate mother, a kind father and good sister, with a host of friends....The Ladies' Chamber and the K. W. M. gave a grand reception last Friday evening. A fine program was rendered, to the delight of all present. This order is doing excellent work in all respects.

PADUCAH, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. J. M. Lowery returned from Princeton Monday, where he went to preach Sunday....Platt J. Sneed left for McKenzie, Tenn., Saturday morning, where he will remain for four or five weeks for his health....J. H. Lewis is able to be out, after being confined to his bed two or three weeks from injuries sustained by falling from a building on which he was working.

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THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Bruce, W. A.	Marshall, Leo
Collins, E. N.	Moore, Alonzo
Claybrooks, Alfonso	Puggsley, H. H.
Dudley, E. B.	Pennell, Wm.
Dudley, E. B.	Sherman, J. E.
Francis, Lon	Smith, Speedy
Francis, Tom	Stafford, Eddie
English, The Great	Taylor, Waller
Eggleston, L. C.	Taylor, George
Harris, B. H. James	Taylor, Will
Harris, Mr. B. H. James	Tobias, John
Johnson, John	Woodley, Robert
Lee, John	White, Babe
La She, Herbert	White, German
Lacey, James S.	Wilson, Frank

Ladies' List.

Chambers, Beulah	Seals, Pearl
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C. V. B. A. SPECIAL NOTES.

By Bradford.

Notice—The Freeman, in instituting this special column for the C. V. B. A. Notes, once more demonstrates its claims to originality along this line of news. The Freeman is the first colored paper to give this deserving colored vaudeville artists' society a special column for their news.

Do not forget January 28, 1910.

Welcome to our president and visiting members.

Members, we are waiting for photos for the souvenir program.

Traveling deputies beware, and do not forget the date, December 1, 1909.

Barrington Carter will soon be seen in vaudeville with a new novelty act.

Brothers William Hall and Joseph Montague have been reported very sick.

George Hamilton will soon appear in vaudeville with some new monologues.

Members of the committee on constitution have maode their final report. "Beware."

Brooks and Butler's new act made good, and was the hit of the bill at the Unique, Philadelphia.

Letters are still coming in from vaudeville artists all over the country applying for membership.

Pankey and Cook will soon leave New York for a period of twenty weeks over the Pantages circuit.

Gordon and Keyes were the hit of the bill, and opened the show at Keith's last week while in Newark.

The ladies of the vaudeville profession desire to become members of the C. V. B. A. Shall we admit them?

James Worles is talking of taking out a road show this spring, and would like to hear from some good talent.

The "Lode of Koal" company, with several members of the C. V. B. A., will me in the city for an indefinite run.

Dick De Groom has retired from the stage, and can be seen nightly making speeches in behalf of his candidates.

The Alpha Comedy Four, Scudder, Lawson, Cross and Crumbley, will open with their new act at teh Windsor Theater.

Lemonier and Wilson will open with their new act, "Fun in a Governor's Room," at the Empire at Newark, N. J.

James Towel will soon begin to work again with his wife until his old partner, Jack Smith, returns to the Majestic Trio.

Gus Simmons, of the Alabama Trio of Philadelphia, called at the C. V. B. A. and was entertained by the house committee.

Scott Joplin, king of musical rags, has completed a piece of music entitled "The Paragon Rag," dedicated to the C. V. B. A.

Dan Michaels, of the Majestic Trio, has resigned, and will soon appear with his new partner, known as "the Merry Michaels."

William Ball and Ralph Nicolas have become the champion whist players of the C. V. B. A., and are willing to meet any and all competitors.

It has been rumored that a vaudeville and moving picture house will soon be opened under the management of one of the members of the C. V. B. A.

The Brittons are at the American this week, and were presented with a very large horeshoe of flowers by members of the association, as it was C. V. B. A. night in New York.

Andrew A. Copeland and Miss Mattie L. Phillips, America's premier song and dance artists, will soon be seen in one of the leading Broadway theaters with their new novelty act.

Leon Williams, president of the C. V. B. A., returned to New York last Sunday with the "Dixie Serenaders," after an absence of fifteen weeks, and will open at Hammerstein's.

There will be another gumbo dinner tendered to our visiting brothers and Mr. J. Gentrie Hill, of the "Lode of Koal" company," during the coming week. Mr. Bob Slater will act as chef.

Since Deas, Reed and Deas have gone in the Realty company while on the road, the C. V. B. A. would like to hear from them.

Would be pleased to hear from Al Bailey, our vice-president.

Among the collers the past week were William Thornton, James Worles, John Smith, Gus Simmons, John Newton, Andrew A. Copeland, Tom Lemonier, Harry Prampkin and many others.

John W. Cooper, premier colored ventriloquist, and his company of automatons, are meeting with great success presenting their original comedy, "Fun in the Barber Shop." Star Theater, Berlin, N. H., week of October 25.

Secretary LaMotte has just received a handsome large oil painting, a gift from ———, with the history of his life and family, to be presented to the members of the C. V. B. A., a credit to the vaudeville profession.

Mr. Lee R. Whipper, a member of the C. V. B. A., has a movement on foot to open in a few days a moving picture and vaudeville house exclusively for colored people, with a stock company combined. At last New York has woke up.

Alfred D. Michaels, of Java, East Indies, a brother of Dan Michaels, visited the C. V. B. A. rooms and told some very interesting stories of his travels around the world, and especially the places in South Africa, and made it pleasant for those who were present.

Archer and Black Carl continue to have success with their Sunday evening performances for the benefit of the sick fund of the C. V. B. A., and both men are faithful workers and should have the support of the membership. The bill of last Sunday evening was the best ever presented to the public.

THE FLORIDA BLOSSOMS COMPANY.

R. A. Hartley, bookeeper, is still with us.

Finale, "Through Florida" by L. L. Fisher & Co.

Geo. Devoe, our ballad singer, gets his nightly with "Roses."

Leroy Knox, the N. C. Favorite, is taking three and four every night with that storming song, "I Wish I was in Heaven Sitting Down."

Chink Ford, the man with a style of his own, is making good with "Fare Thee Well."

S. C. Catlect, our scienic artist, has just got through painting some swell scenes, and they are swell.

Geo. Crump, our interloctor, leaves them talking each night, and as the real Kid Jones in the last act opens their eyes with amazement.

Miss Hester Wallace is taking them with "I am Glad I Am Brown Skin." L. L. Fisher is "knocking the turkey" with "You Ain't Talking to Me."

Sam Cohen, the popular announcer, is stili on the stand and, with strong announcing, changes the minds of many who had no intention of going to the show.

Clarence Steward, Florida's most famous comedian, is turning them over with one of his own songs, "It Ain't but One Thing Makes a Noise Like Money to Me."

John Tobias send regards to P. G. Lowery and bunch; Picolo Jones and bunch. Joe Miller, the little man with the big horn send regards to the Allen bunch and the orchestra of Air Dome, Jackson, Fla.

Mr. Pete Worthey, of the Douglas & Worthey is well pleased with his bunch and is one of the best aggregation to work for on the road. Childs sends regards to R. A. Anderson, Engine Mikle and Willie Philips.

The whole bunch sends regards to all in and out of the profession. Johnson says hello to Dave Smith. Alto Duet, Ed Miller and Clarence Steward, send regards to Eph Williams, Dick Stewart, Ed Collins, Dick Anderson and Mack Allen.

The Florida Blossom Company has been doing banner business in the stat of Texas for the last two months and the show can not be excelled by any of its class and by a very few above its class. The show is always well opened each night by J. Johnson with that hitting song, "Transmagnificanbandamuality."Mrs. Kate Price, our dancing wonder, is pleasing them with "I Love My Husband, but Oh, You Henry."

Olio opens with team of Knox & Price, dancing wonders, can't be touched, followed by the Blossom's star comedian, Clarence Steward, with a monologue. The act is clean ad takes them out of their seats. Next comes Master Coyden Herndon, the youngest hoop roller, appearing as a Chinaman and making his hoops do everything but talk. Chink Floyd comes in next with his song and dance that can't be touched only by few.

Then comes the last act, "Kid Jones, the Gambling King from Baltimore," where L. L. Fisher shines as head waiter and Ed Miller as the first waiter. Geo. Crump as real "Kid Jones" can find no equal in the use of his tongue. Leroy Knox as "Mandy" makes them fall out of their seats with laughter. Nelson Green as Will Blue, Mandys supposed beau, is out there, too. Coyden Herndon the villian, pleases the public. J. Johnson as Slim Jim, the feather police, leave them shouting when he enters. Mrs. aKte Price the bell of the ball is doing it with much success. Then comes Clarence Steward, the boy full of fun and laughter, as the bogus Kid Jones, and turns the house over from start to finish. Following that comes the Florida Blosson Concert Band, under the direction of E. B. Dudley as band master. It is said by the people everywhere that it is one of the best on the road and is playing all the standard overtures. The band is composed of the following: E. B. Dudley, band master and cornet; W. H. Childs, solo cornet; Geo. Crump, solo and first cornet; Geo. W. Motto, clarinet; Geo. Christian, baritone; Little Joe Miller and Clarence Steward, Altos; John Tobias, first trombone; Clifford Prattor, second trombone; L. L. Fisher, snare drum; Nelson Green, bass drum; Joe White, traps in orchestra.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS.

V. P. Thomas.

The announcement that the Tutt Whitney Musical Comedy Company, composed of the members of the Smart Set No. 2, of the shows by that name of Voekel & Nolan shows, will be the attraction at the Temple Theater following the Black Patti Company at that playhouse, has put the New Orleans public into thinking that Messrs. Kilduff and Cheevers, the managers of the Temple, are determined to offer the patrons of their house the best musical comedy companies that can be gotten to come to the Crescent City or South. New Orleans has suffered the want of good, first-class shows for a long time. In fact, ever since the Smart Set played at the Crescent Theater years ago and won the unbounded admiration it did, and caused the envy and jealousy that have barred colored shows out of the white theaters from that time, there has been a popular demand among the colored people of New Orleans for the Smart Set, or shows of that class, to come back. But the coming back of such high-class shows has been out of the question until Messrs. Kilduff and Cheevers opened the Temple Theater in the Pythian Temple on Gravier and Saratoga streets, on the 8th of September, with high-class vaudeville artists and comedians and made it possible to attract first-class road shows to this city with every prospect of their coming meaning fine business for fine companies. The Williams and Stevens Stock Company entertained the people here with increasing popularity for seven weeks straight and put up such fine shows in that time that none but first-class troupes can keep the pace they set and give the patrons of the Temple satisfaction. The character and quality of shows offered at the Temple up to the booking of the Tutt Whitney Musical Comedy Company, which is generally understood to be the same company heretofore called The Smart Set (Southern), have been all that could have been expected. Now with this company following the Black Patti, and others as reputable following it at the Temple in succession, the season of 1909-10 at this playhouse promises plenty of first-class amusements for the colored people of the Crescent City who are fond of shows.

The people of New Orleans have been treated to such good shows by the Williams & Stevens Stock Company that Messrs. Williams, Stevens, Joe Simms, Maxwell and the wonderful voiced and graceful Bessie La-Belle-Malone will always be welcome in the future to come back. In going away at the close of their engagement at the Temple they carried with them the high opinion and esteem of everybody in New Orleans who saw them during their stay of seven weeks. Everybody speaks words of praise of them and of their excellent works as performers in their lines, and they really deserve all the praise they got, for they all worked hard and faithfully to make for the Temple the name that it has today. They put the Temple on its feet, as it were, and made it the household name that it has become in this city, under vexatious and trying circumstances. People who understand what conditions were when they came here and who see now how much better those conditions have become, can appreciate what a task it was for them and what character and class of work it required of them to bring about the change and leave the Temple the name and the prospects it enjoys today.

Others may reap the fruits of glory at the Temple, but to Williams and Stevens and Joe Simms and Bessie La-Belle-Malone must go the credit for the yield the harvest shall give. Messrs. Kilduff and Cheevers who put up the money and met losses for weeks until Williams and Stevens by their hard good work turned the tide of success towards the Temple, can well thank their stars that they had such faithful, honest and talented people on hand to "pull the chestnuts out of the fire" for them. If these people had been derelict—working only for the money there was in the business for them—the Temple would have been closed down weeks ago. Every member of the Stock Company worked tirelessly and faithfully for the overcoming of all the difficulties of the house and thus won for each and every one of themselves the good will and esteem and the admiration of everybody who knew them. There is not a patron of the Temple who did not regret to see the Stevens Stock Company leave, and who does not wish them success and good luck wherever they may be.

The many friends of the Ellis family of this city learned with sincere regrets Tuesday of the death of the mother, Widow Mary Fanny Ellis, after an illness of several months, at her home, 1716 Peniston street. Mrs. Ellis was 59 years and 24 days of age and was the mother of as industrious and worthy a family as live in this city. She was herself a fine dressmaker and her daughters, who survive her, Miss Elnora and Mrs. Dr. Coleman, and her son Harry John Ellis, are among the most esteemed and highly respected of our people. Miss Elnora is one of the most popular dressmakers of the garden district of the city, and has been president of the Fancy Work Club, an exclusive club of ladies who entertain at one another's home every month, and in that way afford opportunities of pleasures that are both delightful and instructive. The esteemed deceased encouraged the pleasant pastime and will be mourned by a host of friends who enjoyed the hospitality of her home. Mrs. Ellis was a charming mother and friend and not only her amiable daughters will miss her, but all who knew her as well. She was buried from Mt. Calvary Church, Rev. Hill, pastor, and her remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

OPINION.

By Bradford.

(Dedicated to my friend, John Vaughner) nudge someone and wink?

Have you ever stopped to ponder, have you ever stopped to think
What opinion folks have of you when they nudge someone and wink.
You can talk all day and its useless; you can't convince some folks,
And if your talk is awfully serious, it's sometimes taken as funny jokes.
Opinion is a great thing, and no matter what you try to do,
You can never tell what opmion the other fellow has of you.
It's hard to change a man's opinion, and it ain't no use to try;
If it's someone's opinion a thing is wet, it's no use to say it's dry.
The newsboy has an opnion and the banker has one also,
And everyone's opinion is different most every place you go.
It's funny the different opinions that you hear voiced sometime,
And if opinion could do you vital njury, there'd be many and many a crme.
But opinions make you popular, when given by most any one,
'Cause folks has all got right to express their opinion 'bout anything that's done.
I'd be willing to bet my last dollar and go without a feed,
That opinion thing is a great thing, and just what some of us need.
So just remember, don't get angry, and no matter what you do,
Don't feel a bit offended if folks have a bad opinion of you.

(Note—Before voicing your opinion of this little opinion rhyme, please note that the writer begs apology for the first lne, to-wit: "Have you ever stopped to ponder, have you ever stopped to think.")

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. S. A. Cowan of St. Paul's M. E. Church baptized several persons at the 11 o'clock services. Quite a large crowd was present to witness the affair. The services were largely attended at night also.... Pilgrim's Progress Baptist Church, East End, had a rally on Sunday, November 7th. Quite a large crowd was out, and a good sum was realized. Rev. N. W. Wallace is the pastor.... Union Baptist Church Sunday School will have a rally on Sunday, November 14th. Rev. J. T. Davis is the pastor. Come out and help them.... H. H. Hallie, the Fifth street tailor, has been suffering the past week with a severe cold, but is improving....Prof. E. H. Triplett is now lecturing in the county public schools, through Louderdale and other counties in Mississippi. ....The Robinson street fair has been held the past week. Left on the 7th for Selma, Ala., for one week....Rev. A. J. McNair came in on the A. & V. train Monday, November 8th.... Hon. W. E. King of the Dallas Express, of Dallas, Texas, as soon as he is able. His sister, Mrs. Carter, will bring him back to Meridian, Miss.

BERT A. WILLIAMS & CO. IN "MR. LODE OF KOAL."

A HIT ON BROADWAY.

As Seen By Bradfore at the Majestic Theater, New York City.

It is perhaps rather a late day to say what others have already said, but it is better late than never. So I offer for the approval of every reader of The Freeman my opinion of Mr. Bert Williams in "Mr. Lode of Koal" in my own way as seen by me at the Majestic Theater, 59th street and Broadway, New York City. I have had the pleasure of witnessing most all the big musical productions on Broadway this season. It has also been my god fortune to have seen all the previous efforts by colored stars, and their respective companies, bar none, in the past, and I want to say that the present vehicle of Mr. Burt Williams is far ahead of all the musical cemodies playing on Broadway at the present time. This is my first visit to the Majestic Theater since I last visted that pretty, spacious playhouse when Williams and Walker played the house in "Bandana Land." I thought that Williams and Walker were the greatest team of comedians in the world, black or white. You, my dear readers, will say "Why, the greatest in the world?" Well, kind readers, I will explain my assertion: Williams and Walker were pronounced by all the great colored and white critics to be the leaders of them all, so, as I said once before in my write-up, I am only saying what they have all said before, who were fair-minded, and that is that Williams and Walker was the greatest colored team that ever played on Broadway. Their company had longer runs on Broadway, New York City, that any other Negro company in the world, and they both acquitted themselves with as much honor as any two comedians, black or white, that ever trod the boards on the "Gay White Way." Just like the C. V. B. A. leads every other colored organization of its kind in the world, so did Williams and Walker lead all colored teams. Of course, there must be leaders in everything. Catch it correctly. C. V. B. A., greatest Negro theatrical association on earth—vice versa, Williams & Walker, greatest team of comedians in the world; Bert A. Williams, acclaimed and proven by his long single-handed run in vaudeville a short time ago the leader of all funny men, not barrying anyone. Catch it again. Jack Johnson, greatest heavyweight fighter the world has ever known. Did you get it. Contrast all these preliminary comparisons, merely written to pass time till the rise of the curtain. The program reads

"Book and Lyrics by J. A. Shipp and Alex Rogers.

"Music by J. Rosamond Johnson.

"Additional Music by Bert A. Williams.

"Music of "Mum's the Word, "Mister Moore," by J. Leubrie Hill.

"In Far-Off Mandalay," by Al Johns.

"Orchestra under the direction of Jas. J. Vaughan."

Well, it's 8:20, and upstairs and downstairs is well filled.

Well, they're off. Jas. J. Vaughan looks the part as the musical director, and he is delivering the goods as only Jas. Vaughan can deliver them, and right from the start of the overture, Jas. Vaughan is evident, as the Majestic Orchestra is putting on airs tonight, and I've never heard their music sound sweeter. Oh, you past master orchestra director, Jas. J. Vaughan.

The program gives the cast as follows:

F. RAY COMSTOCK Presents
BERT A. WILLIAMS
In a New Musical Show,
"MR. LODE OF KOAL."
Book and Lyrics by J. A. Shipp and Alex Rogers.
Music by J. Rosamond Johnson.
Additional Music by Bert A. Williams.

CAST.

Chestor A. Lode........Bert Williams
Buggsy........Alex Rogers
Gimlet........Tom Brown
Gluten, Gimlet's silent partner........Siren Nevarro
Buttram........Leubrie Hill
Weedhead........Chas. H. Moore
"Cap"........Henry Troy
Singlink, Court Messenger........Chas. McKenzie
"Sarg"........J. E. Lightfoot
First "Lieut"........Sterling Rex
Second "Lieut"........J. M. Thomas
Third "Lieut"........Clarence Redd
Blootch........Matt Housley
Woozy........Hattie McIntosh
Whirlina, Court Dancer........Siren Nevarro
Mysteria........Lottie Grady
A. Saylor........Ada Banks
Hoola........Hattie Hopkins
Kinklets........Georgia Gomez
What........Bessie Brady
Ho........Anita Bush
Rubeena........Lavinia Rogers
Diano........Maggie Davis
Osee........Jessie Ellis
Discretia........Ida Day
Giddina........Katie Jones

CITIZENS, GUARDS, ETC.—Messrs. Hawks, Payne, Holland, Cooper, Gibbs, Foster, Saulsbury, Tapley, Hilliard, Tulliver and Chappelle.

FLOWER GIRLS, DANCERS, ETC.—Misses M. Brown, Clough, F. Brown, Lewis, Yorke, Vaughan, King, DeVance, Guiguesse and Payne.

First act great! Opening chorus. Curtain. Entire company sings, and right from the start the writer notices that the Bert A. Williams Company has the best chorus in ensemble numbers that has appeared on Broadway this season. Yes, I saw them all—I mean the white companies. Oh, my, but that Bass Foster and Lloyd Gobbs have great voices for that ensemble work, and the girls—what girls! Pretty, nimble and just what Broadway wanted. Henry Troy is next on the scene as the Captain, programmed "Cap." The dialogue between playwrite Rogers and Troy is well done. That suit that Alex Rogers wore was funny. The green cuffs on the coat sleeves were quite a comical color contract. That exit drill is very funny, and Broadway thought just as I did. Next enters J. Leubrie Hill in a tramp makeup that was a laugh provoker. Soon after Leubrie Hill sings "The Can Song," assisted by fourteen male members of the chorus. It was a hit, and, by the way, J. Leubrie Hill is quite the real thing on Broadway. That dance at the finish was novel. Tom Brown next enters, and while talking to J. Leubrie Hill Miss Siren Nevarro does a neat little bit of pantomime dancing as a wooden soldier. It was as dainty and clever a bit of pantomime as I have seen on Broadway for many a day. Enter right now, Big Smoke, Big Noise and Funniest Man That Ever Darkened Dear Old Broadway—Mr. Bert A. Williams, known as Chestor A. Lode. It is to laugh, and you do laugh. They all laugh, and I laughed till I cried. That entrance with the monkey following is the funniest thing imaginable. The monkey sits on the fence surrounding the court. Bert Williams and Alex Rogers have some funny dialogue and exit amid screams of laughter, the monkey in close pursuit of Big Smoke. Next comes a catchy musical number, "The Harbor of Lost Dreams," sung by Georgia Gomez, with female portion of chorus looking over the court walls, a very pretty picture indeed, and the song was a sure fire hit. The old man with the big book marked "Blue Law" next apepars on the scene in a Jesse Shipp makeup and has some talk with Alex Rogers that is funny. Next enters Lottie Grady, the talk of Chicago, and the latest aspirant to stellar honors among the colored female actresses, a new acquisition to Broadway. Miss Grady looked the part and acted the part, showing her to be a finished artist in every sense of the word. Miss Grady's future is made on old Broadway, as the audience demonstrated on Thursday night. Miss Grady sang "Mum's the Word, Mr. Moore." The song took three good, solid encores, and Miss Grady can rest assured that she has captured Broadway. Enter four guards, etc. I'd rather say four soldiers. The little fellow with the green cap has a funny slide he does that caught on with the Broadway bunch. Enter Hattie McIntosh as Woozy, as commandress. Mrs. McIntosh has a good, clear enunciation, and it is as well to state that I heard what she said in the last seat back in the Majestic Theater. Enter again the star of funny Broadway comedians, Mr. Bert Williams, New Big Smoke. Miss Lottie Grady, as the fortune teller, in an oriental costume that was catchy, next starts to tell Big Smoke's fortune. She runs her hand down on Big Smoke's head, when Big Smoke looks up and says, "Tickle my curls." It was the way it was said, and a moment later Big Smoke is called a big, dark cloud. Big Smoke retaliates by saying, "Don5t let dis cloud bust." It got the biggest laugh I have ever heard on Broadway. Tom Brown, Leubrie Hill and Bert Williams next have a very funny scene together. Williams sets on the steps and the monkey slips up behind him. When he turns and see the monkey the expression on his face is one long laugh and without a word he exits. Ada Banks next sings "In Far-Off Mandalay, assisted by eight girls who sing and dance prettily. The song took two encores and was very pretty to end this first great act.

Bert Williams, the Big Smoke of colored comedians on Broadway, next lets Miss Hattie Hopkins, "Hoola," give him some little red berries that are supposed to make him, Big Smoke, have pleasant dreams. While eating the berries unconsciously the chorus starts singing as the curtain goes down. The curtain rises once more, and Big Smoke is seen walking around the court with a candle in his hand, looking for some place to go to sleep. On getting near the fence he sees the monkey asleep on top. The monkey, by the way, has also eaten some of those pretty little red berries, and is wrapped in the arms of Morpheus on the fence. Big Smoke proceeds to the fence and immediately pushes the monkey over the court wall, sits down on a bench with his candle in his hand, and slowly lays down on the bench and goes to sleep as the curtain drops on the first big act of Big Smoke, Bert Williams and Company.

During the intermission I noticed that business was good. There were plenty of colored people in the audience, and they all looked pleased.

The opening chorus by the company singing at the start of the second great act was grand, and at the finish the chorus got the biggest hand I have heard a chorus get on Broadway this season. At this juncture four convicts enter carrying Big Smoke. The entrance is made funny by Bert Williams. Siren Nevarro next does a toe dance, not an ordinary toe dance, but an extraordinary toe dance, showing conclusively that she is a dancer out of the ordinary. I have never seen a dance gauged so nicely. There is not too much of it—just enough. It is a wonderful dance, and one of the hits of the show on Broadway, and, Oh, that Miss Nevarro does a back bend and by rolling over from one back bend into another makes an exit that brings forth tremendous applause. It was a riot. Catch that dance on Broadway. I liked it and you will like it, too. The best of all critics liked that dance—the entire audience—and I'm going to see that dance again tomorrow night. Following that marvellous dance, Mr. Bert A. Williams sang "Dat's a'Plenty." It was sung as only Bert Williams can sing those songs, and right at this point Bert A. Williams did something that all colored people should be proud of. He demonstrated to the Caucasion race that he is all they claim him to be, and more, too. He is to all Caucasian comedians what Jack Johnson is to all Caucasian prize fighters. He is the Big Smoke of colored and white artists, and Jack Johnson is the Big Smoke of all prize fighters. When the audience had made Bert Williams sing so many extra choruses that I quit counting, why he pulled that bell and quit for want of breath, and the audience had laughed so much that some of them were out of breath. Mr. Henry Troy next sang "Bygone Days in Dixie," assisted by Messrs. Thomas, Rex, Lightfoot and Reed. The song was a big hit and Mr. Troy is as big a favorite on Broadway as ever.

Next Mr. Tom Brown, "Gimlet," enters, and when given the cue by Big Smoke he makes a lightning change—clever—and enters once more as the Chinaman that needs no introduction to most of my dear readers, but for the benefit of those who need an explanation regarding Tom Brown, I want to say that Tom Baown is without any reasonable doubt the greatest all-round character actor, "colered," in the show business today extant. He sings "Chink Chink Chinyman," assisted by eight girls dressed as boys in knickerbockers and blouse waists, playing beanbag. It makes a pretty picture, Tom Brown in the center and all the ponies playing ring around the rosy around the Chink Chink Chinyman. Miss Nevarra enters as the Chinee woman, and when the spotlight is flashed on her, why you go right back to Chinatown. Her makeup was perfect, and the little dialogue that this clever pair of colored artists have arranged is just as big a hit as it was in vaudeville, when presented at Hammersteins' Victoria a short time ago, when I saw them take four bows on second, something unusual for that theater. Next enters a big cask, huge in dimensions. Bert Williams is following the cask, which is very funny. Nevt six dancing girls with flowers n their hair, Bhown and Nevarro enter once more and introduce a Spanish dance, which is very novel. The dance is on par with any of the leading Spanish dancers I saw perform the same dance in Cuba. Bert Williams next sits down and drinks beer drawn from the big cask. Great singing by that great chorus. Bert Williams exits following the big cask, and curtain falls on the second great act of "Mr. Lode of Koal."

Intermission—Well, I see that young Jessie Shipp is still the song book salesman with the Williams company, and I'm listening to the comment in the audience. The Broadway bunch lkes the show, and it looks as if "Lode of Koal" has hit Broadway to stay indefinitely.

The curtain rises at the beginning of the third great act on the court outside the Smokery, which is decorated with flags of all nations, and the first object that attracts notice is Big Smoke lying on the bench asleep where he went to sleep in the first act. He wakes up numb with cold, as the dew has fallen on him. There is dialogue by J. Leubrie Hill, that distinct talking and clever artist, and playwright Eleck Rogers. Mrs. McIntosh makes much of little. She is indeed a very clever colored woman. Next comes the confetti throwing, as the Fete of the Seven Veils is on in this last great act. The fete of the seven veils is a reception or ball in other words, as the action of which the tune of "The Frogs' Two-Step," which is a very pretty piece of instrumental music. Bert Williams dances tha Williams comedydance as only Bert Williams can dance it. He danced with three or four girls looking for Hoola. All girls are veiled. Those yellow and black and yellow and red costumes are pretty. Big Smoke unveils the last girl he dances with and finds to his disgust that it is the piece leads me to believe. The entire company next dances the two-step to the monkey. The real Big Smoke returns at this juncture and exposes the bogus Big Smoke. Bert Williams is told that upon hearing a horn blow two times he had better beat it, as the real Big Smoke will do him bodily injury. He next sings "Believe Me," and you can believe me he sings it, beleve me. After taking encores until he was completely exhausted the Big Smoke stands still and takes notice. The bugle blows once. It thei blows twice, but, hold on, he makes for the gate on the left-hand side of the court, but the orignal Big Smoke has posted his soldiers at the gates of the court and escape is impossible. What can he do? An idea strikes him. He runs and disappears with one leap into the audience, and that is the last that the audience sees of him. The chorus sings and the curtain falls on another triumph for the Negro actor in America, namely Mr. Bert A. Professor H. C. Wilson wants act who so ably defended the colored artists Williams and Company in "Mr. Lode of Koal."

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SOME SPORTING COMMENT.

The Big Sporting Number That Is Soon tc Be Out.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

I am much concerned about our proposed big sporting number, which is to appear in addition to our great Christmas issue. I would like to see all football, baseball and athletic clubs, along with prize fighters and sportsmen of every walk of life, represented by a picture and write-up appearing in these columns. We now have any amount of space for that purpose, so we are able to accommodate you with the insertion of a single colucmfwsyhrdlucmfwypmfw of a single-column cut for $3.00 and a double for $5.00, including write-up. We will give especial attention and price to all saloons, club houses, gymnasiums, or group photos, etc. Let us talk it up and make it a regular "Police Gazette" department. You are asked to send in all matters pertaining to sport, which will be published without regard to length. The other departments of this number are going to be strong, and I am anxious that this section will equal if not surpass them. We would like to know whateveryone thinks of the baseball championship situation, and if you wish you might give us your views on that and other subjects of sport. Do not forget that it will not be any trouble to give any information that you may desire concerning this number. Also we would suggest that you write us about our advertising rates, but we might say that the rates will be as low as ever; but in case you do not remember, or have never had occasion to know, please write us and we will cheerfully send rates. You should get into the game, by all means; that is, if you are rating yourself as a real sport.

The Real Sports

of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville and other big sporting towns of the country will be well represented, so if you would have them know that you are still in the ring send your face and brief history of your life along right away, so you can get a good position, as they are coming in fast. Our forms close Dec. 18. Everybody likes to see a good newspaper, and the only way to have one is through everybody assisting. Come on, old boy, get off of first base!

LELAND'S TEAM TO BE IN CHICAGO LEAGUE

He Secures Lease on Auburn Park for the Season of 1910.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 14.—All doubts as to what team will be the tenant of Auburn Park next year were settled last week, when Frank C. Leland, former owner of the Leland Giants and now the president of "rFank Leland's Chicago Giants," signed a contract with John Schorling, owner of the grounds, for 1910. Schorling is the owner of the franchise under which the Leland Giants played in the Chicago Baseball League this summer, and in signing the lease Leland got with it the use of the franchise.

Eight of the regular Leland Giant team which won the pennant in the Chicago League have signed with the Chicago Giants, Walter Ball and Billy Norman, pitchers; "Mike" Moore, first base; Geo. Wright, shortstop; "Bobby" Winston, Joe Green, outfielders; "Rat" Johnson, catcher, and "Danger" Talbert, utility infielder, being the men.

Three of the strong St. Paul Gopher team will play with Leland—"Steel Arm" Johnny Taylor, a pitcher; Jimmy Taylor, third base, and Felix Wallace, also a third-sacker, but who will play second, being the men. Billy Pettus of the Kansas City Giants will catch, while a string is out for Petway, the wonderful backstop of the Philadelphia Giants.

The incorporators of the Chicago Giants are: Frank Leland, president and general manager; Maj. R. R. Jackson, of the Eighth Regiment, I. N. G., secretary, and A. H. Garrett, secretary. The club will make a spring training trip next year, starting at New Orleans on March 15 and winding up in Chicago in time for the opening.

TUSKEGEE PLAYING GREAT FOOTBALL

Defeats Two of Best Teams in the South This Season.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Nov. 14.—Tuskeegee has met two rival teams on her campus this year, and so far has she outclassed them that it is but fair to say the 'Varsity is going at a pretty good clip. Those who witnessed the game Saturday against Americus had the rare opportunity of seeing a few of the fine things that accompany a good football exhibition. Because Americus did not show class does not detract any from the fine work of Tuskegee. In fact, it enhanches her superiority, as Americus is coached by one of A. B. C.'s veteran players.

The fine work of Newburn would have won applause from any crowd of football enthusiasts. His great runs in a broken field, his wonderful gyrations in eluding attack, his clever left-hand work, his shaking men off him like they were Lilliaputians, his persisteat zeal for more work, belong to those grand and extraordinary feats which are called forth only under strenuous circumstances, and point to what is possible to achieve by dogged energy.

Hendley also did some excellent work at quarter. The plays were gotten off with a snap and such alertness that the team was always kept going. The rapidity of his performances is appreciated. when two touchdowns were made inside of ten minutes. His "headwork" was good, and his attacks were directed with precision. Excepting a fumble, early in the first half, due to stage fright, the kick-off by Americus, he was always cool; and, in one instance, through a mistake of signals when there was no one to receive the ball, carried it himself for a good gain. He redeemed his error in the first half by making a pretty running catch of a punt in second.

Other features of the game were a 50-yard run by Emerson, the tackling by Foster, an end run by Lucas which netted 25 yards, and the breaking up of Americus' backs before they got started, by Watson and Singleton.

Americus won the toss and elected to kick. After two attempts Americus kicked to Singleton, who fumbled, but recovered the ball on Tuskeegee's 30-yard line. The ball was given to Newburn and he straightway skirted Americus' left end for 80 yards and a touchdown. Two minutes' play; Newburn kicked goal. Americus again kicked to Corker, who brought the ball back ten yards. Newburn took the ball and made another run of 60 yards for a touchdown. Newburn missed goal; score, 11 to 0. Ten minutes of play. Emerson received the ball on Tuskeegee's 40-yard line and encircled Americus' right end for 50 yards. Newburn added 20 yards for a touchdown. Clear goal. Score, 17 to 0. Newburn ran 50 yards in a broken field, brushing off several of Americus' men who tackled him high. Touchdown and goal. Score, 23 to 0.

eHndley made a quarterback run and covered 30 yards. Hendley fumbled and lost the ball. Americus' plays were all broken up before they were well started. End of the first half.

The second half opened with a confusion of signals on the part of Tuskeegee, and fumbles by both elevens. Lucas went around Americus' right end for 25 yards. Newburn did more good work in a broken field. Scott replaced Emerson at right half. Scott fumbled on Americus' five-yard line. Newburn fumbled, going ericus punted and Hendley made a spectacular running catch. Newburn took the ball over. Touchdown and goal. Score, through the guard, and lost the ball. Am-29 to 0. Benton replaced Newburn. Lynch took Foster's position at left end. Benton fumbled and lost the ball. Americus punted. Lynch made a pretty catch. Washington hit the line for 15 yards. Time was called. Score, 29 to .

J. L. W.

FOOTBALL AND THE "BIG FOUR" SQUADS.

This season, so far, has been a remarkable one for what is known as the "Big Four" football teams, comprising Howard, Hampton, Lincoln and Shaw Universities. They have been making history ever since the season just opened. It seems that Howard has been tackling some of the best teams in the South, and has been making away with them, and that may be due to the new training table that has been instituted at Howard University. Howard has won from the rest of the quartet, and by great efforts, as Hapton, Lincoln and Shaw are playing a clever bit of pigskin this season, and so close have they played the game that it is almost certain that there will be a great difference in the scores of the return games. Hampton will meet Howard at Washington today. That is bound to prove interesting, and Lincoln is to play them on their own gridiron at the capital the big game of the season, Thanksgiving day. Then the Washington University will step out of the "Big Four" ranks to meet the Virginia Union University at Washington, Nov. 30.

You should make it your business to send in your order as early as possible for the big sporting section of the Christmas number of THE FREEMAN, to insure getting a copy at 10 cents, as they are not likely to last long.

John W. F. Woods is at his home in Memphis, Tenn., working at the Gem Theater, and is meeting with much success. in and out of the profession.
He wishes to hear from Lehman Smith, who is at Salisbury, N. C. Regards to all,

P. S.—Forward next issue to Gem Theater, corner Market and Main.

GIANTS ISSUE CHALLENGE.

The Columbia Giants, of this city, are anxious to hear from the Colored Athletic football team of Joliet, Ill., and would very much like to meet the Douglass Center squad of Chicago, Ill. Write this office.

CAPTAIN MILLER, PLEASE WRITE.

The Indianapolis Columbia Giants football club would like to hear from Manager Miller of the Colored Athletics, of Joliet, Ill., immediately. Write in care this office.

MOSCOW BIDS $100,000.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 18.—The latest town to bid for the Jeffries-Johnson fight is Moscow, Idaho. The purse offered is $100,000. Moscow is on the map, all right, but the names of the promoters are unknown.

HERCULEANS PLAY ANDERSON NEXT SUNDAY.

The Herculean football team of this city will play at Anderson, Nov. 21. The Franklin (Ohio) Giants will play the Herks at Northwestern Park, Thanksgiving day, Nov. 25. Game called at 3 p. m.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Mr. Walter Bush, from New York City, is in the city visiting friends....The Watermelon Trust, which was the hit at the Dewey Theater the week of Nov. 7th, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Carter, while they were in the city.

NELSON BIDS FOR BIG FIGHT.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 19.—"Battling" Nelson, the lightweight champion, while here, wired the managers of Johnson and Jefferson that he would give $85,000 to have the fight between the heavyweights settled on his property at Virginia City, Nev. Nelson offers to post $30,000 immediately to bind the offer. The only stipulation is that the fight shall be a finish fight.

"KID" McCOY WILL BID FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 19.—Norman Selby, better known as "Kid" McCoy, the former pugilist, arrived in New York tonight on the Lusitania, carrying a bid from a Paris syndicate for the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

"We hope to persuade the champions to fight in the Cercle de Paris, next June, during the week of the Grand Prix," said Slby, "I am authorized to offer 250,000 francs ($50,000), and other inducements.

"The Cercle de Paris will seat 7,000, and has standing room for 3,000 more. If the fight goes there the occasion will be made a great society event, and a third of the spectators will be women."

SHINE STANLEY TO MEET CROSBY

Shine Stanley, the whirlwind middleweight champion of Indiana, left this city last week to begin training for his coming bout with Kid Crosby, to take place at Detroit, Mich., during the holidays. Stanley will train at 622 North Meridian street, Anderson, Ind. This fight is looked upon as being one of the leading matches of the year, and fight fans have begun betting and great interest is being aroused in the bout, as both men are very clever and hold very enviable reputations. A large number of sports are expected to attend the battle, and a delegation of fight followers will go from here.

HOWARD HAS TOUGH BOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

The Howard University football team has one of the hardest schedules in its history. The followin ggames are scheduled:

Hampton, at Howard, Nov. 20.
Lincoln, at Howard, Thanksgiving day.
Virginia Union, at Howard, Nov. 30.

A training table has been instituted at Howard University for the team, which has proved a great benefit, and the team, on the whole, is in excellent condition, and much may be expected when it meets the other teams.

Howard played at Hampton yesterday, a full account of which game will appear next week.

JOE BUTCHER IN THE RING.

During Champion Jack Johnson's visit here this week Joe Butcher, better known as "Butch," who is a mixer at Mike Wells' Buffet, on Indiana avenue, and who has for many years been champion roast-beef juggler and heavyweight slug muck of Indiana, made several efforts to get Johnson to sign articles for a forty-round go, to take place in "Petersburg," for a limited amount of Gauss money, and to be refereed by Lew Shank. It is said that J. H. Hightower is "Butch's" backer. Mrs. "Butch" hopes that Jack will not heed the challenge, although Shelton and Willis are making every effort to have it a go.

CORBETT POSTED $10,000 ON JEFF.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—Commissioner Tom Corbett, "the man behind the pile," has set the odds on the Jeffries-Johnson fight at even money. Corbett is the first man to receive money of the prospective mill of the heavyweights. Ten thousand dollars rests in the coffers of Corbett's betting emporium, to be quoted at even money that Jeffries wins.

Although the battle is still a matter of the future, and hinges on the chances of either Johnson or Jeffries backing out at the eleventh hour, the $10,00 will remain as a bet until the big fellows of the ring have fought or buried the hatchet once and for all time.

Corbett showed a lively interest in the offer of Wm. A. Brady to make Jeffries a present of $10,000 if he would meet Kaufman in a ten-round bout, and a $10,000 bet that Kaufman would win.

"I will bet $20,000 today and $20,000 more in one week that Jeffries wins if they meet. I have been waiting twenty years for something soft like this," said Corbett.

DOUGLAS HIGHS DEFEAT LOGANS.

Giants Proved a Walk Away for the Migets.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Nov. 19.—Douglas High School defeated the Logan County High School in an exciting game, by the score of 10 to 5. The features of the game were a touchdown by Scott and a goal kick by Lang. The Douglas High School boys are fast enough for their weight, the average weight being only 120, while the Logan County men were giants in proportion, their average being 175 pounds. They were shamefully outclassed, and went down before the orange and black in disgrace. Doc Light, captain of the orange and black, claims to have the fastest high school team in this part of the county. Lincoln High, of Kansas City, take notice; and Langston, also, as they would like very much to meet dark skins with his aggregation. If you are right, come right along. Douglas High, that's all!

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Miss Payne does a fine stunt in her "Carolina Lou."

Mr. Glenn, one of the oldest comedians on the American stage, is an original star, singing "Come After Breakfast and Bring Along Your Lunch, and Leave Before Supper Time."

Professor Robinson, our pianist, is one you don't find every day. There is no song that is being used that he does not have to transpose for his people. A wonderful musician!

Monroe Tabor, our soloist and yodeler, is singing Wilson's "Lullaby."

Miss Beulah Henderson is up again, at her usual act.

Poor Miss Virgie Deare! Seems she never will get at her best.

JACK JOHNSON BUYS CHICAGO REAL ESTATE

Pays $11,000 for a Home on Wabash Avenue.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 19.—With property in his own name, and a heavyweight title to boot, Jack Johnson, known to the pugilistic world as "L'il Artha," today took out papers making him a full-fledged native of Chicago. In the future the black gladiator will refer to Galveston only as the scene of his childhood.

Now that the shekels are rolling in from all quarters, Johnson is eager to gaze upon the rosy side of life. That's the reason he invested $11,000 for real estate, extending from 2344 to 3318 Wabash avenue.

At 3344, Johnson becomes the proud possessor of a 12-room residence. The other number contains a vacant plot, upon which it is said Jack will erect a modern abiding place as soon as the match with Jeffries is shunted into history. Far be it from Jack to entertain fears over the outcome of the death embrace. He's already deeply engrossed in the task of counting the golden ducats that fall to his lot when the Californian is borne through the ropes and out to the cooling-board, for repairs.

The property fronts 50 feet on Wabash avenue and extends back to the elevated road 164 feet. Johnson bought from Henry Appel and Christina Appel. The former is a building contractor, and lives in the house now. He is to move at once, that Johnson may assume possession early next week.

The friends of the fighting black man said he would send to Galveston for his mother, and in the future would reside at 3344 Wabash avenue, making the new holding the permanent home of the Johnsons.

MAY ELIMINATE OLD SPIKES.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The elimination of steel spikes from the baseball diamond will be discussed at a meeting of the American League to be held in New York in December.

This is the statement made by President Ban Johnson. If a suitable substitute for the spikes can be found, Johnson believes they will be barred from future games.

The large number of injuries sustained by players during the last season, he said, has created a feeling that the long sharp steel spikes mar the game and should be abolished. It is expected that a number of club presidents who have players whose speed on the base lines depends largely on the sharpness of their spikes may make strong objection.

ELEVEN DEATHS ALREADY.

Gridiron Sport Is Responsible for Loss of Lives.

NEW YORK.—Three deaths resulting from football games on Saturday, October 31, have served to call attention to the fact that this season promises to furnish the most grewsome list of deaths and accidents of any in the history of football.

Already there have been eleven deaths, with the most fiercely contested games yet to be played. A summary of other injuries so far reported this year shows six young men to be suffering from what are believed fatal injuries, twenty-two broken collar bones, fifteen broken legs, sixteen broken noses, nine broken ankles, eight victims of broken ribs, eleven broken shoulders, six broken fingers, six broken arms, one broken wrist, one broken hand and two broken jaws.

KAUFMAN MET SOCIETY BOXER.

Select Audience Sees Them Mix It—Californian Had Advantage.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Anthony Drexel Biddle, Philadelphia millionaire society man and athlete, boxed five friendly rounds with Al Kaulfmann, the California heavyweight, in Herrman's gymnasium, last week. Kaufmann had every advantage over Biddle, being taller, heavier and having a much longer reach, but the Philadelphian showed that he could take a punch as well as give one, and they mived it up on several occasions. The bout was witnessed by a select audience, and on its conclusion the men shock hands warmly. Biddle complimented Kaufmann on his cleverness for a big man. Kaufmann returned the compliment by stating that he could see that Biddle had acquired considerable of the style of Jack O'Brien. Biddle and O'Brien will appear at Centralia, Pa., in an exhibition bout for a local charity.

BATLING NELSON ON TOUR.

Will Make Twenty-Three Weeks' Theatrical Engagement.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Batling Nelson, lightweight champion, will make a twenty-three weeks' engagement on the road. He opened his tour at the Columbia Theater, Boston, Monday night, November 1. Nelson is in fair physical condition, and says that he will box himself into fighting shape by his work on the stage. He has decided not to carry a sparring partner, but will have his agent select a husky local boxer in each city in which he appears. No boxer below the welterweight limit need apply for the job, Nelson declares, and he must expect to be mussed up as hard as though he were in a real fight.

Nelson scaled 135 pounds in a Turkish bath, which is just two pounds above his fighting weight.

The Dane is accompanied by John R. Robinson, former manager of Tommy Feltz; Gus Gardner and Harry Lewis. Robinson will look after Nelson's interests on the road.

BAT LECTURES TO THE KIDS.

And Mrs. Harriette T. Treadwell Must Answer for Her Ex-Pupil.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Because Mrs. Harriette Taylor Treadwell, principal of the West Pullman school, invited Batling Nelson to address the children of her school, without knowledge of other school authorities, a tempest is brewing in the board of education. But used to be a pupil of hers years ago, and she could see no harm in his talking to the children.

Consequently Bat put on his good clothes and told the boys and girls how he reached the pinnacle only after hard knocks, what they should do to grow up strong and healthy, and what chance every body had of becoming lightweight champion.

"There have only been four lightweight champions in America," Bat said to the open-eyed youths of the seventh grade. "That makes one for every 20,000,000 people, so you see, boys, your chance is not very good. Take my advice and don't go in for pugilism. Learn to box, though, for it's good exercise.

"And don't smoke, chew or drink if you want to grow strong and keep healthy. Take lots of exercise, too, and whatever you do, try and be the best at it."

"Was it with your knowledge and consent that Batling Nelson addressed the children of West Pullman school?" Mrs. Ella F. Young, the superintendent, was asked.

"Certainly not," was the reply. "I am glad you asked me about it. I will take the matter up with the principal."

President A. R. Urion, of the board of education, wouldn't have anybody running into the schools to make speeches to the children, much less prize fighters, if he had his way.

FOOTBALL GAME FOR BOYS.

Dr. Charles Eliot Says College Boys Too Old, Big and Strong to Play.

BOSTON, Mass.—"Football is a game for little boys, not a pastime for powerful men. I think my views on the question of abolishing football at Harvard are very plainly stated in my annual reports while president of the university."

This was the reply of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, when asked what effect, if any, he felt the death of cadet Byrne would have on the sport of the Eastern colleges, and more especially Harvard.

"Where boys are old enough to go to college, they are too big and strong to play football. There are a number of other athletic sports much more suitable."

Dr. Eliot said he did not car eto put himself in the position of criticising any action of the college authorities by prophesying the future status of the game at Hardvard.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE SEASON.

Number of Contests Next Season May Be Reduced to 140 Games.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Whatever the National League does with the proposition to lengthen the playing schedule to 168 games, its young rival, the American, either will hold to the present season of 154 or hop back to 140 contests a year.

This was the positive announcement of President Ban Johnson, after he had discussed recent stories to the effect that the big leagues intended to stretch the present schedule.

"The American League will not increase the number of games," said the executive. "If any action at all is taken it will be to cut the engagements to 140. The league would do this right now if the National would agree to follow suit.

"We believe the present season is too long, and it is our idea to start about the first day of May and wind up on the 1st of October. This would be the ideal playing time. Spectators and players would escape a lot of disagreeable weather, and the public would not grow tired of the game before the end of the season. The American League always has opposed the long schedule and still is opposed to it."

TWO DECADES OF CHAMPIONS.

1889—John L. Sullivan beat Jake Kilrain, 75 rounds, at Richburg, Miss., in 2 hours 16 minutes, for $10,000 a side. World's championship.

1892—James J. Corbett defeated John L. Sullivan, New Orleans, September 7, 21 rounds. Purse nominally $40,000; actually less than $25,000.

1897—Robert Fitzsimmons won the undisputed championship from James J. Corbett, March 17, at Carson City, Nev., in 14 rounds. Purse about $25,000 net.

1899—James J. Jeffries won the world's title from Robert Fitzsimmons at Coney Island, N. Y., in 11 rounds. House worth over $35,000.

1899-1904—James J. Jeffries defeated Thomas Sharkey; Robert Fitzsimmons a second time; James J. Corbett and Jack Monroe, retiring from the ring after the last-named fight.

1903—Marvin Hart knocked out Jack Root, July 3, at Neno, Nev., in 12 rounds. Jeffries, who refereed, presented Hart with the world's title.

1906—Tommy Burns defeated Marvin Hart, 20 rounds, February 23, at Los Angeles, and claimed the title.

1909—Jack Johnson, colored, defeated Tommy Burns, 12 rounds, in Australia, before a house estimated to be worth $110,000. Burns got $30,000, win or lose; Johnson, $10,000. This was the largest gate ever taken in at a prize fight.

IS NOT A CANDIDATE, BUT—

John L. Says If He Is Chosen Referee "Square Deal" Will Be Given.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—John L. Sullivan, when asked about the likelihood of his being chosen referee of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, said:

"I am not a candidate for referee, but if I am satisfactory to both principals and the club that gets the mill, I will give each man a square deal and see that both fight all the time.

"I will not accept a penny if I am chosen. I don't believe in paying a referee in a fiht. In glove contests remuneration is all right. There is no glory in the referee job for me. I will be remembered long after Jeffries and Johnson are forgotten.

"What do I think about Jeffries chances? Even if I had an opinion, you could scarcely expect me to express it when I may be third man in the ring. But I will tell you something that is not more detrimental to one fighter than the other. In my day, twenty-five or thirty years ago, if a fighter took to this show game while still in harness, or pretended to be in harness, the public would chase him out of town.

"You can take it from me that these two will fight all the time if I am referee."

SAYS JEFFRIES WILL HAVE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE

Referee Says Colored Champion Has Been Coming Up During Jeffries Long Period of Idleness.

That James J. Jeffries will have the fight of his life when he meets Jack Johnson, is the opinio nof no less an authority than Billie Roche, the well known San Francisco referee, who spent a few hours in Indianapolis recently on his way from St. Louis to Pittsburg.

Roche has seen the giant negro in three battles on the Coast, since he defeated Tommy Burns—one with Jim Flynn, one with Al Kaufman and the recent fight with Stanley Ketchel. "Johnson is one of the greatest defensive fighters I ever saw," Roche said last night, "and he showed he has a punch, in his fights with Flynn and Ketchel. He simply toyed with Kaufman, and probably could have stopped him in their ten-round bout.

"I would not attempt to pick a winner now, but I believe it will be one of the greatest fights the country ever saw. The fact that Jeffries has been out of the ring five years, while Johnson has been gradually coming up, makes it an even bet.

Says Fight Will Take Place.

"Take it from me, they will fight; there will be no backing down on either side. Jeffries has gone about his training in a systematic way, and has satisfied himself that he will be in shape to fight. When I saw him in his training quarters before he started on his eastern trip, I did not believe it would be possible for him to reduce his enormous girth, but when I saw him when he signed articles for the Johnson fight he looked like another man, as trim almost as he was in his best days. Jeffries is Jim Jeffries, the undefeated, and for that reason he looks good to me. The fight is too far in the future for me to make a prediction as to the winner."

Roche believes Jimmy Coffroth will stage the fight. He says he does not believe Johnson stalled in his fight with Ketchel for the moving-pictures. He says Johnson fought a careful fight, and he contends that Johnson was clearly knocked down in the twelfth round. He says Johnson would ot have taken a chance by faking in that round, because it might cost him the fight. Roche, who has charge of the Johnson-Ketchel pictures now on exhibition at the Empire, left for Pittsburg last night to open a show there.

PARIS, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mrs. George Watts, the coal dealer, is one of the largest coal dealers in ourcity. He handles coal in three and five car lots and has installed a large pair of Howard platform scales, owns his yard and is located in the heart of the city....Elder Gorman, the Lexington presidig elder, held his quarterly meeting here at the M. E. Church, and preached one of the most powerful sermons that has been heard here for some time....Mr. Bobby Grey, of Lexington, Ky., was a visitor in Paris this week in the interest of his playhouse, the Pekin....Elder Water, of the Second Baptist Church, has with him one of the greatest singers of the ages as a helper in his meeting....Mrs. Lucy Keller has rebuitl her house, which was damaged by fire some time ago, and will rent it out.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

All persons desiring news items to appear in THE FREEMAN will call New Phone 2880, this office, or send in same by mail not later than Wednesday, at 6 p. m.

William Hurley of Louisville, Ky., was in the city this week.

Mrs. Mary Williams continues ill at her home in Bright street.

Rev. Charles Jones, of Ohio, was the guest of relatives this week.

Bud Richardson, a former business man of this city, was in town last week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Bailey were the guests of relatives at Newcastle this week.

Miss Creola Saunders entertained "The Uthers" Friday evening with a guessing contest.

Miss Jessie Samuels gave a kitchen shower Tuesday evening for Miss Mary Brooks, a bride of next week.

The Men's Club of St. Phillips' Episcopal Church will serve dinner Thanksgiving day at Indiana avenue.

Mrs. Maude Beatty entertained the Frau-Fraus Wednesday afternoon at her home in West Michigan street.

Mrs. Wm. Dunlop of Peru, Ind., spent three days in the city this week, the guest of her son, Clarence E. Dunlop.

Rev. E. H. Pernell, pastor of the Second M. E. Church at Anderson, was in the city Wednesday en route home from Chicago.

Communion services at St. Phillips Episcopal Church Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Evening services at 3:45 p. m.

Mr. Amos Thompson, of the Newton Claypool Barber Shop, left Wednesday for a two weeks' visit with relatives at Columbus, O.

Do not forget to secure a copy of the great Christmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman, which will be out December 25th.

Miss Luella Hibbetts will give a towel shower Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Mary Brooks, who will be married next week.

Mrs. Ada Jenkins, who has been spending the past year with her sister, Mrs. Carr Settles, left Tuesday morning for Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Laura Wolfolk, now employed at the Federal building, is taking a pharmaceutical course at the Winona Technical Institute.

Among the out-of-town visitors to see Champion Jack Johnson were Mr. Howard Dickerson of Logansport and Mr. Harry Rhodes of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mrs. Francis Simpson entertained the Pastor's Club of Jones Tabernacle Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Katie Boyer, in West Twelfth street.

Mrs. Lena Sturart, of Dayton, O., Mrs. Chillis Thompson, of Cleveland, O., Mrs. Martha Clay, of Chicago, Ill., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas last week.

Dr. I. L. Thomas, secretary of Church Extension and Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, lectured at Simpson Chapel Wednesday evening in the interest of the work.

Call me up when you think of beginning those long-delayed lessons on the piano. Satisfactory instruction given. Wm. M. Lewis, teacher of piano, choirs, also accompanist. Phone, 2880.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, formerly of Indianapolis, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hattie May, to Mr. Ulysses Samuel Davis of Chicago. The wedding will occur Dec. 25.

Mr. W. G. Smith has returned from Maysville, Ky., where he was the guest of Dr. C. W. Page, a veterinary surgeon of that city, who is improving from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Anna C. Clayborn, a deaconess in Bethel A. M. E. Church and a prominent

Miss Katie Clark, formerly of Chicago, spent Sunday in Louisville, visiting friends. She was highly entertained by Mr. Pete Parker and Miss India Harris. Miss Clark is making Indianapolis her home for the winter.

and faithful worker in religious circles, died Wednesday evening at her home in North California street after a few days' illness.

Quarterly meeting services will be held at Simpson Chapel tomorrow. Superintendent Skelton will occupy the pulpit at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Dr. Smythe will deliver the sermon at 3 o'clock, at which service communion will be administered.

Quarterly meeting services will be held at Wayman Chapel A. M. E. Church, Yandes and Seventeenth streets, on Sunday, November 21. The pastor, Rev. A. Cottman, invites the general public. Rev. Dr. Sampson, of Allen Chapel, will preach the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH.

Services at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. every Sunday. Thanksgiving services at 10:45 Thursday morning. Music by the senior choir, a program by pupils of Public School No. 26 and a short talk by the pastor, Rev. George C. Sampson.

SIMPSON CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH.

Tomorrow will be Communion.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed with a sermon at 11 a. m. by the pastor.

A turkey dinner will be servedin the dining room at 12 o'clock m.

At 8 o'clock p. m. a program will be rendered with special numbers by the pupils of Charles Sumner School No. 23. Mr. Gurley Brewer will be the speaker. Music by the choir. Admission free.

Rev. J. Francis Robinson occupied the pupit last Sunday morning.

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IN FAR AWAY JAPAN.

During the recent visit of the Japanese Commission, Indianapolis came in for an unexpected share of international honor. As a manufacturing city it stood high in the scale. Perhaps the commission was impressed, more than anything else, with the wonderful invention of the Puritan Bed Spring. They were puzzled to understand how a set of bed springs could be so constructed as to conform to every line of the body and rest all parts alike at the same time. It is needless to say that the famous springs will be introduced in the far-away kingdom of Japan. The manifold wonders of these celebrated springs cannot be fully appreciated until given a trial. In order that all may know and profit by the invention of these springs the factory has ordered that all dealers handling them let them out to the retail trade **on trial.** Ask your dealer for particulars; they all have them.

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The Thanksgiving Annual Fair will open Monday night. The 6 o'clock dinners served by Mrs. Addie Brown will be a special feature.

The children of McCoy public school No. 24 will unite with us in the 11 o'clock Thansgiving service, under the direction of the principal, Mrs. Mary Gable. The school will take part in the exercises.

A grand Thanksgiving musical recital by Mrs. Effie Penn Payne, of Cincinnati, O., assisted by Mrs. Maud Beatty and others, will be the program for Thanksgiving night.

The Lincoln Memorial Bible Class which meets every Sunday at the close of the morning service, taught by Lawyer Brokenburr, is growing in interest.

The pastor will preach morning and evening. Subject, 10:45 a. m., "The Joys of a True Christian;" 7:30 p. m. "The Blessedness of Honest, Christian Service."

EXPRESSES THANKS.

Mr. George L. Knox,
225 Indiana Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My Dear Mr. Knox—Please allow me through the columns of the FREEMAN to express my personal thanks to the people of your city for their splendid cooperation during the recent revival campaign which it was my privelege and pleasure to lead. Nowhere have I been more cordially received and heartily supported by ministers and laymen than during the fifteen days we labored to lead men to imitate the Christ life in Indiana. During my twenty years in the ministry nothng has given me greater satisfaction than the great interest shown in religious life by teachers, other professional and business men and women during our special effort to reach the unchurched. Our problems will never be solved until the thinking men and women of the race unite with the clergymen in a sane effort to evangelize our people. When busy laymen of your mental caliber turn aside every night for three weeks from commercial interest to help bring men to a saving knowledge of Jesus, the ministry has reason to thank God and take courage.

Yours for the uplift of the race,

A. CLAYTON POWELL,
Pastor Abyssinian Baptist Church.
New York City, November 11, 1909.

NEGRO MAY BE REFUSED IN IOWA, SAYS SUPREME COURT

Decision Upholds Coffee Concern, Which Would Not Serve Negress at Food Show.

DES MOINES, Ia., November 17.—The Iowa Supreme Court to-day held that a private business concern under the Iowa statute can legally refuse to serve a Negro.

Mrs. Susie Brown, a Negress, sued the J. H. Bell Coffee Company for $1,000 damages because she was refused a cup of coffee at a pure food show in Des Moines a year ago.

In the lower court the woman won, but the Supreem Court to-day declared that the Bell company, being a private concern, had the right to refuse to serve any one it wished, even though the person had paid an admission fee at the door.

Chief Justice Evans and Justice Weaver filed vigorous dissenting opinions.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Everybody is getting ready for the next Monster Meeting, when Rev. Joshua Stansfield, the great friend of the Negro, will be the speaker. Hundreds of men are looked for, as many feel that to miss this opportunity will be too great a loss and are therefore determined not to let this meeting go by without being present. Dr. Stansfield's subject will be "Christ and Men," and in his own way will treat it so that impressions will be made that are lasting. The musical program each Sunday at the Monster Meetings are exceptionally strong this year. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. A. A. Taylor, render several choice selections while the Glee Club singing never fails to receive rounds of applause. The whistling and singing of the great chorus of men assembled under the direction of the general secretary is enjoyed by all. The ushers are doing splendid this year and under the leadership of Mr. D. W. Sanders very courteously make it pleasant for the men. These meetings will be held every Sunday at 3 o'clock in Jones Tabernacle Church, located on the corner of West North and Blackford streets. The best pulpit and platform orators are secured as speakers and this year's list is exceptionally strong. All men are invited and are made welcome.

Messrs. G. L. Knox, H. L. Sanders, Dr. E. N. Perkins, Lucien Coleman, Samuel Butler and Thos. E. Taylor, represented the association at the State convention of the Y. M. C. A., held at Kokomo from Thursday to Sunday of this week.

The participants in the cantata "David the Shepherd Boy," which was given in Caleb Mills Hall some time ago, were entertained at the rooms by the men of the Glee Club. A very enjoyable evening was spent and after the refreshments were done justice, all left for home agreeing that the Glee Club boys were loyal fellows and promising that at any time they were called upon they would be ready to respond in assisting the work of the Y. M. C. A.

One of the livelest campaigns that has ever been conducted by the association was started on last Monday evening and will continue for one week, ending Nov. 29. It is known as the $1 saving campaign, and any member who comes into the membership at this time taking the full privileges saves one dollar on the transaction. The membership rates are two dollars, with three dollars additional for bath and gymnasium privileges, but during the campaign the latter privilege can be had for two dollars. This gives the holder of a full membership ticket the privilege of taking as many baths during the year as he wishes during the hours from 9 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. A large map representing the northern half of the western hemisphere has been placed in the assembly room and sides have been chosen under the leadership of Mr. G. L. Knox and Mr. H. L. Sanders, representing Dr. Cook and Lieutenant Peary respectfully. The map is graded, the lines of latitude represent the number of mebers secured by each side, thus starting at the equater and going north to the pole. The side reaching there first will be declared the winner. Reports will be handed into the office from time to time and posted on the map. Each explorer vows that he will be the first with his men to reach the pole. Much enthusiasm was put into the movement by the men of the different sides and a spirited contest is looked for.

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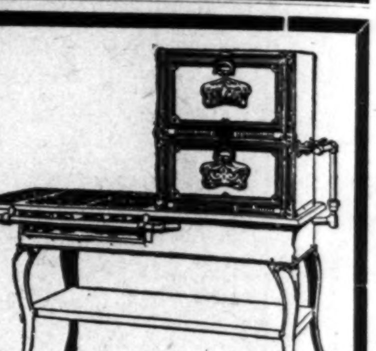

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